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ANDIN INTERNATIONAL, INC.	: Civil Action No. 08 cv 1159 (HB)
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YURMAN STUDIO, INC.	: :
Defendant.	
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YURMAN STUDIO, INC.	: :
Defendant- Counterclaimant,	: : :
- against -	; ;
ANDIN INTERNATIONAL, INC. and VARDI GEM LUSTRE, LLC	: : :
Counterclaim- Crossclaim Defendants.	: :
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DECLARATION OF JANET HAYWARD

I, Janet Hayward, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I am Vice President of Design for the Women's Jewelry Division of Yurman Studio, Inc. ("Yurman"). I have been affiliated with Yurman in various capacities for over eighteen years. For many years, I served as Yurman's Director of Merchandising. I have also served as Vice President of Training and Education, Vice

President of Creative Services, and in various sales and management capacities. I am intimately familiar with all of the designs that make up the Yurman jewelry design catalog. In addition, in all of my positions, I have been involved in and consulted with respect to the product design and development process and I am personally aware of the time, expense and attention to detail and aesthetic intent that goes into the creation of each Yurman jewelry design. I make this declaration in opposition to the motion of Andin International Inc. ("Andin") for summary judgment. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.

Yurman's Famous Jewelry Designs

- 2. Yurman is a world renowned supplier of fine jewelry and luxury watches sold under the DAVID YURMAN brand name. Since its inception in 1980, Yurman has set new standards for designing and marketing jewelry, infusing the disciplines of art and fashion into the jewelry making process.
- 3. David Yurman, the principal jewelry designer at Yurman, is widely considered to be one of the most innovative jewelry designers of his time, and is well-known for his unique design work. While Mr. Yurman's work is widely admired for its simple, clean lines, each of his designs contains many artistic intricacies, reflecting numerous creative choices, including not only the artistic detail of the components of the particular design, but the manner in which the components inter-relate with each other to create a certain integration, or "flow," that runs throughout the piece. Each final jewelry design is an expression of David Yurman's aesthetic intent as an artist.
- 4. From initial design sketch to wax model to final production item,
 Yurman's jewelry designs are painstakingly designed and constructed with the utmost

attention to scale, proportion, and overall appearance. It is only when Mr. Yurman is completely satisfied with not only the unique design of each component or element of a new jewelry design, but also how the design elements and components work together to make an overall design that is new, fresh, and distinct, that a new item is released for production.

- 5. It is clear that Yurman's commitment to innovation in design has not gone unnoticed. Yurman's jewelry designs are highly acclaimed in the jewelry trade and have received several international design awards. Further, Yurman has achieved unparalleled success at the consumer level. Since its founding in 1980, Yurman and its authorized retailers have experienced double digit sales growth, and Yurman typically ranks as the top selling brand in overall sales among authorized retailers.
- 6. From a marketing standpoint, Yurman's approach to branding is akin to the branding paradigm of the clothing and fashion industry. While many jewelry makers are known for the quality of their products, Yurman also seeks to be recognized for the distinctiveness of its designs. Yurman uses gold, silver, diamonds and other precious metal and colored gemstones to create original individual jewelry items and entire collections with a common thematic point of view.
- 7. Yurman's jewelry items are sold in specialty retail stores and department stores, such as Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom's, and Bloomingdales, in independent retailers throughout the country, in Yurman company-owned stores, and through Yurman's own website -- www.davidyurman.com. as well as through Saks Fifth Avenue's website and Neiman Marcus's website. Yurman products are widely accepted

by consumers for the quality of the products and the innovation and uniqueness of the jewelry designs.

The Launch Of The Original Products At Issue In This Case

- 8. The five Yurman products that most directly match up to the ensemble sold by Andin -- a copyrighted enhancer (D06384), a larger enhancer (D06390), a large earring (E06305), a small earring (E06597), and a ring (R07000) -- are part of what Yurman calls its Silver Ice Collection. Photographs of these items are attached to the accompanying Declaration of David Yurman. The common characteristic of items in the Silver Ice Collection is the combination of diamonds and silver.
- 9. Before Mr. Yurman launched the Silver Ice Collection in 1997, it was traditional for diamonds to be used in combination with gold or platinum. Silver was not considered to be a precious enough metal to combine with diamonds. Thus, combining diamonds and silver was not seen in the fine jewelry industry. Silver Ice was an example of David Yurman's extraordinary innovation and vision.
- 10. The launch of the Silver Ice collection in 1997 consisted of approximately 12 items, including the first three items identified in paragraph 8 above. Those three items all have the same unique combination of design features -- a cushion shaped focal point consisting of pave diamonds, surrounded or framed by a rim of gold, which in turn is surrounded or framed by cable, or twisted wire, in sterling silver.
- 11. Because of the extreme popularity of the Silver Ice Collection, and in particular, the first three items identified in paragraph 8 above, Mr. Yurman continued to add to the collection. Among other Silver Ice designs, in 2001, he added another earring (E06597) (which is a smaller version of item E06305), and, in 2004, he added a ring

(R07000), both of which incorporate the same unique combination of design elements described above.

- 12. At the time of the Silver Ice Collection launch in 1997, I had day-to-day responsibility for Yurman's important Neiman Marcus retail account, with respect to both sales and marketing. Shortly thereafter, I became the Director of Merchandising for the whole company. In that capacity, I was responsible for deciding how the entire Yurman line would be presented to retailers, including determining what products would be featured in advertising and catalogs (both Yurman's and those of Yurman's retailers), identifying pieces that should be added to a particular collection, and preparing the presentation of Yurman products at trade shows. In both of these positions I played an integral role in Yurman's Silver Ice Collection.
- Neiman Marcus the exclusive right to retail Silver Ice jewelry. The exclusive was originally intended to last for one season (six months), but because of the substantial marketing and promotional support Neiman Marcus provided, including print advertising and in-store events, as well as their sales success with the collection, Yurman extended the Neiman Marcus exclusive. I know Yurman extended the exclusive for at least an additional season (six months), and I believe, to the best of my recollection, that Yurman extended the exclusive for an additional two seasons (a full year). During that time (a total of 12-18 months), Neiman Marcus featured the original Silver Ice items, including the three items referred to in paragraph 8 above, in advertising circulars sent to customers, and in newspaper and other print advertisements. In addition, it also hosted

special "trunk shows" and other events at its stores, where customers could view the new Silver Ice Collection, featured prominently in displays in its stores.

- 14. After the exclusive period with Neiman Marcus ended, Yurman expanded its distribution of the Silver Ice Collection to other specialty stores such as Saks Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdales, and to Yurman's independent retailers. On numerous occasions, these retailers also featured the original Silver Ice jewelry items, including the three items identified in paragraph 8 above, in advertising circulars sent to customers and in print advertisements, and they too hosted events such as "trunk shows" where customers could view the collection.
- 15. Attached as Exhibit 1 are examples of catalogs from the retailers Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales, and La Viano, which advertise the Silver Ice Collection items, including the items identified in paragraph 8 above. As these catalogs date back over seven years, these are the only examples Yurman was able to locate. I can personally attest, however, to the fact that these items were featured in literally dozens of additional store catalogs and local and regional print advertisements during this period, which, unfortunately, Yurman has not retained in its archives.
- 16. In the years immediately following their launch, Yurman also featured the Silver Ice collection and the items that Andin has copied in its own David Yurman catalogs, in print advertising, and on regional billboards. Attached as Exhibit 2 are examples of such Yurman catalogs. Again, this is just a representative sample, as during that time period, Yurman did not have a procedure for retaining such materials in its archives.

- 17. Like any company in the fashion industry, Yurman focuses its promotion efforts primarily on its newest and most current designs. New designs are generally promoted heavily for six months to a year after their launch. The Silver Ice Collection and the items identified in paragraph 8 are actually the exception. As they are iconic classics of the brand, these items continued to be featured in print advertising for at least two years after they were introduced.
- 18. In addition to including new jewelry designs in catalogs and other advertisements, Yurman's new products are featured in celebrity placements where a celebrity will be photographed or appear at events wearing Yurman jewelry. Thus, in the period following the launch of the Silver Ice Collection, I am personally aware that several celebrities were photographed wearing jewelry from the Silver Ice Collection.
- 19. In addition, when a new line such as the Silver Ice Collection is launched, it also is common for articles and editorials to appear in the trade and consumer fashion media, reporting on the new line and informing readers of upcoming events where they can see the collection. The Silver Ice Collection launch in particular generated a tremendous amount of editorial coverage, because the designs were new and a real departure from conventional jewelry designs. Attached as Exhibit 3 is a compilation of newspapers and other print publications from the period 1997-2000 reporting on the Silver Ice Collection or informing readers of events featuring Silver Ice. These reports were recently obtained from a computer database. Once again, Yurman did not, at that time, maintain press clippings in its archives, so the attached articles retrieved from an internet database are not in their original form. Many of the original articles about the Silver Ice Collection, and the Yurman items included in this case, contained photographs

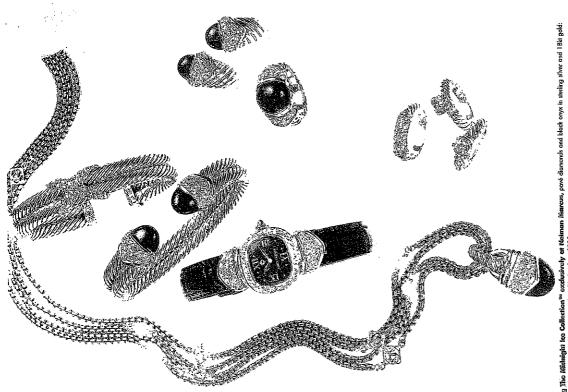
of the actual items, which were seen by millions of readers. In addition, the press items in Exhibit 3 are not necessarily all of the written press items that appeared at that time.

20. I have been in the jewelry industry for over twenty-five years, and have been exposed to the design process in all of my positions during that period, leading up to my current position as Vice President of Design at Yurman. I am acutely aware of the trends in modern jewelry design. In all my years of exposure to jewelry design and time in the industry, and until these particular designs began to be knocked off by companies like Andin, I had never seen jewelry items that incorporated this unique combination of design features in the marketplace. It is a design combination that stood the test of time. with the items incorporating this design combination continuing to sell steadily without significant promotion, ten years after they were introduced.

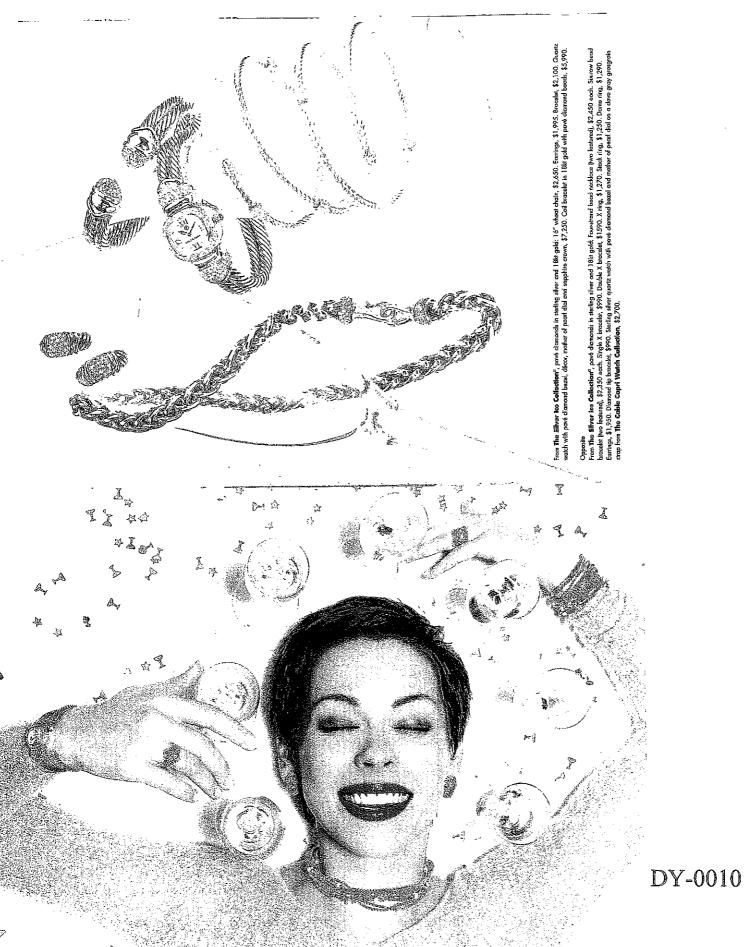
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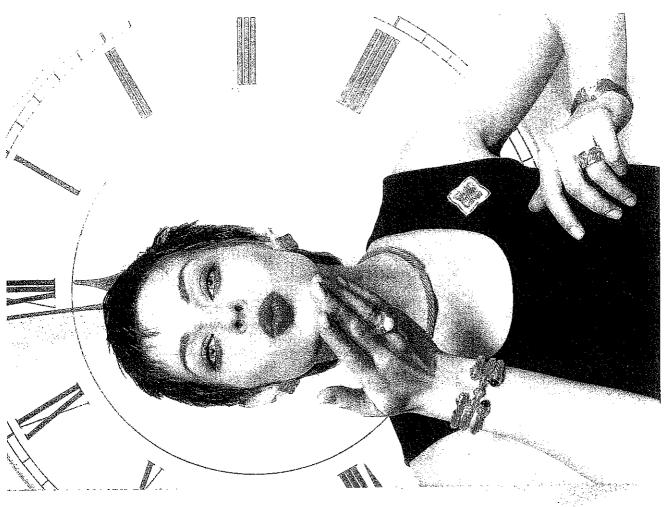
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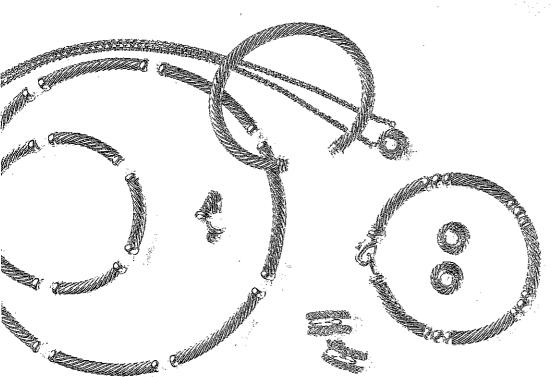






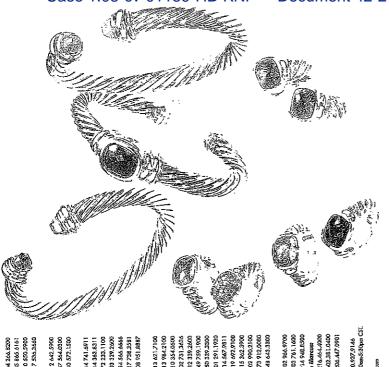






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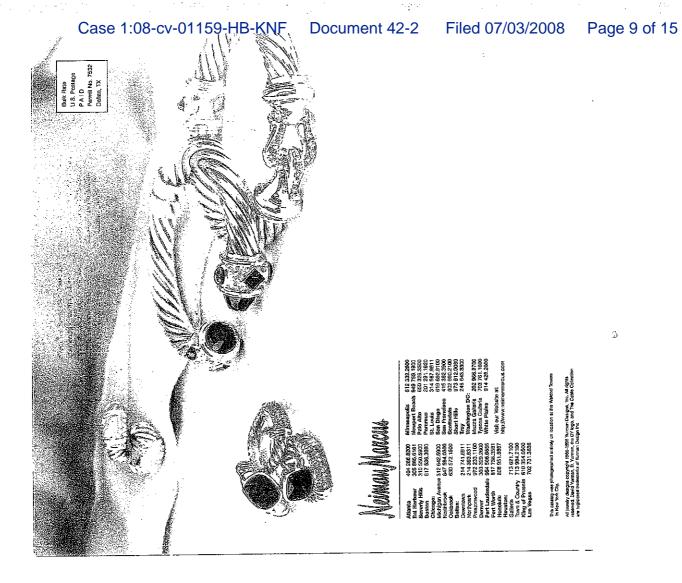
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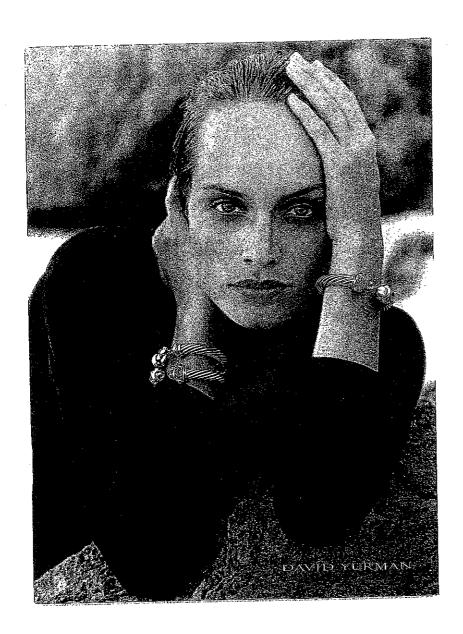


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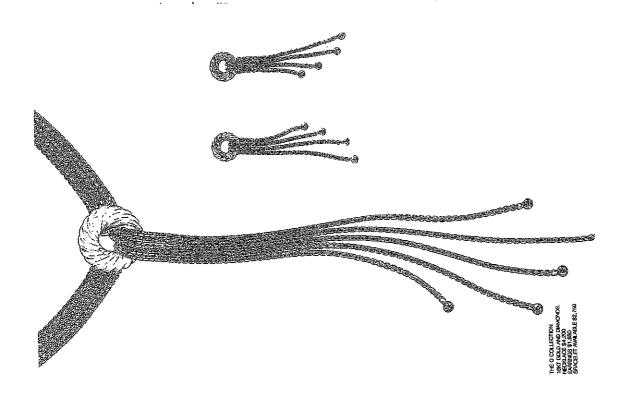
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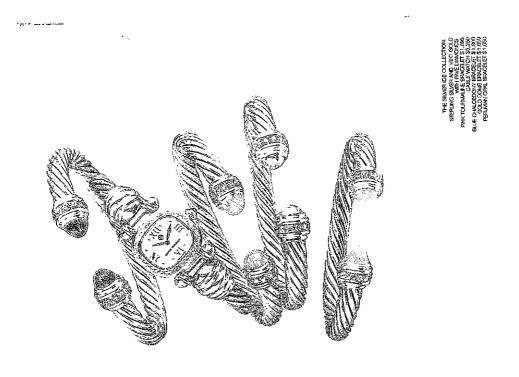


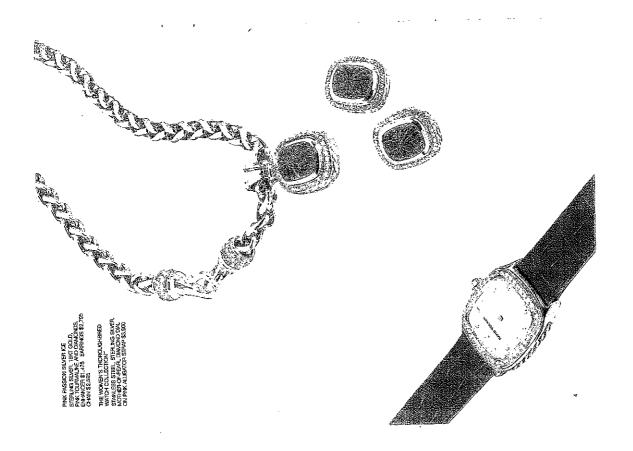






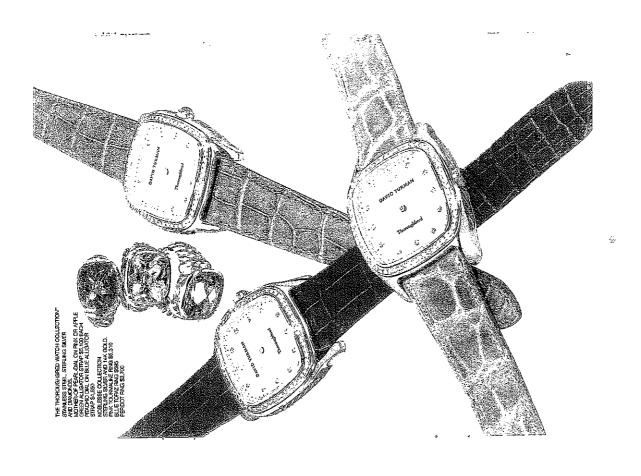
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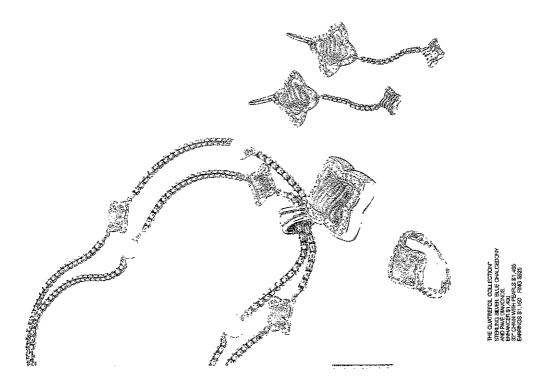




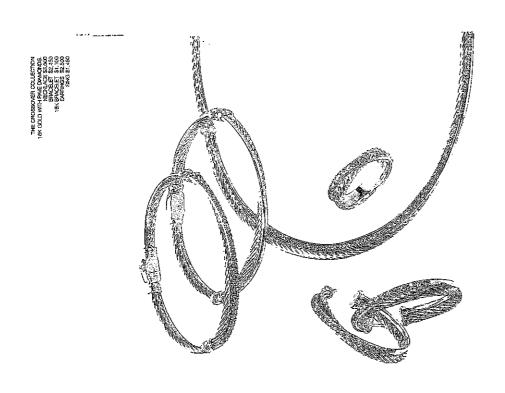
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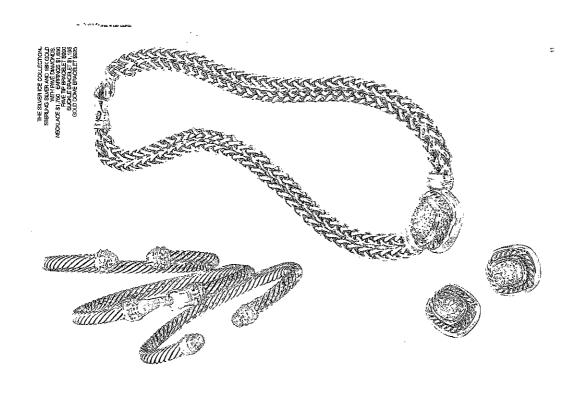


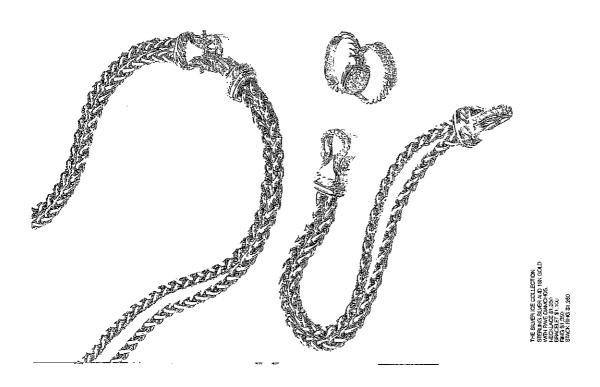
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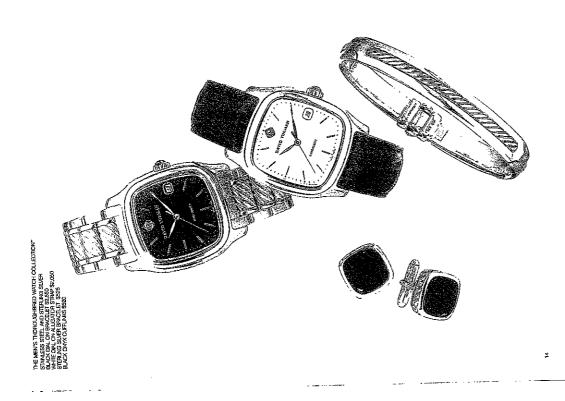
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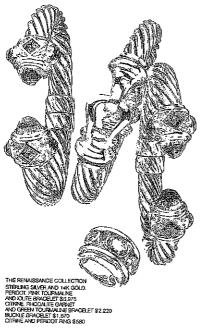
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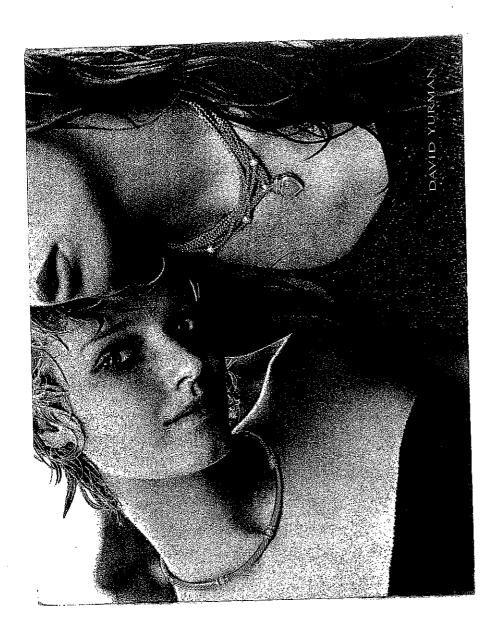
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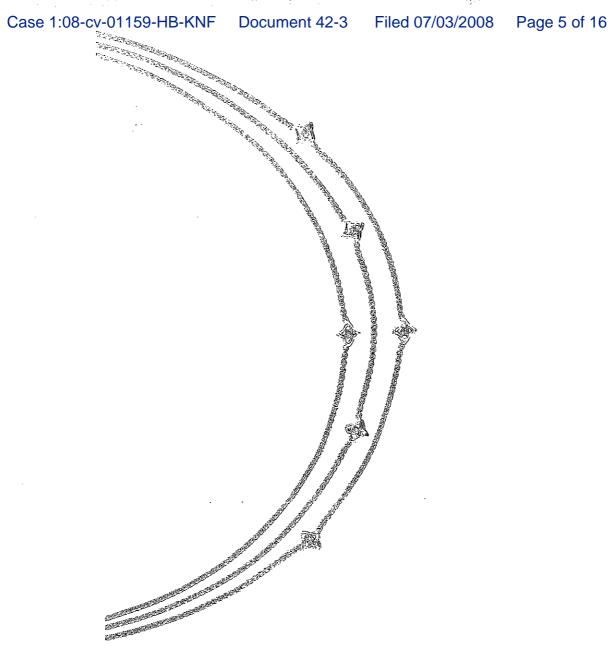
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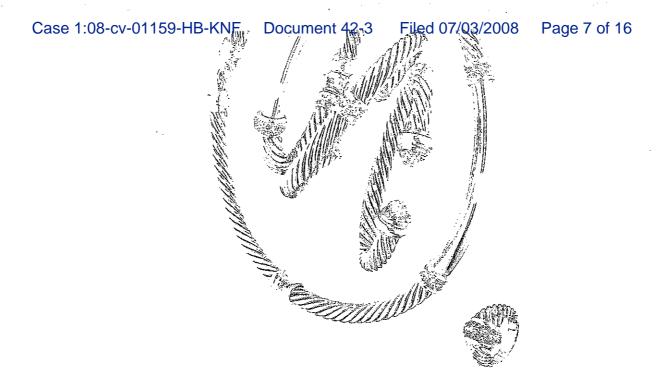






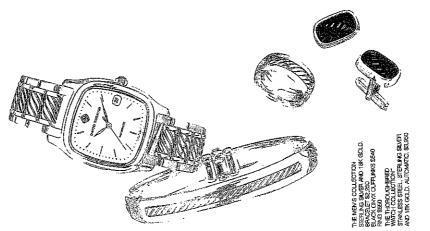


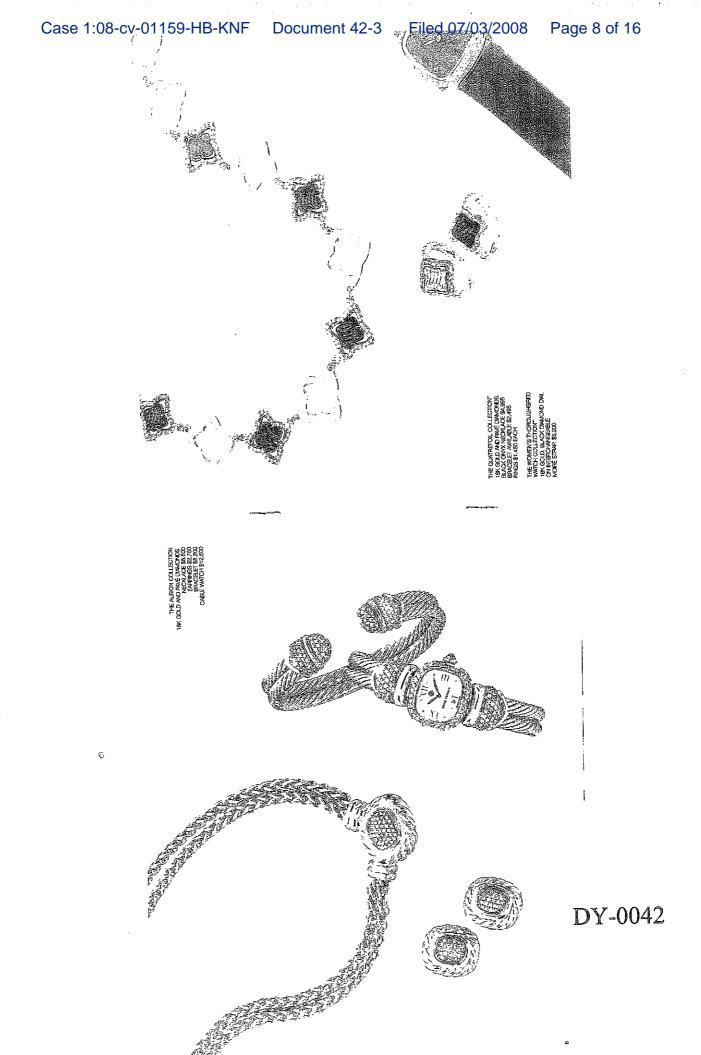




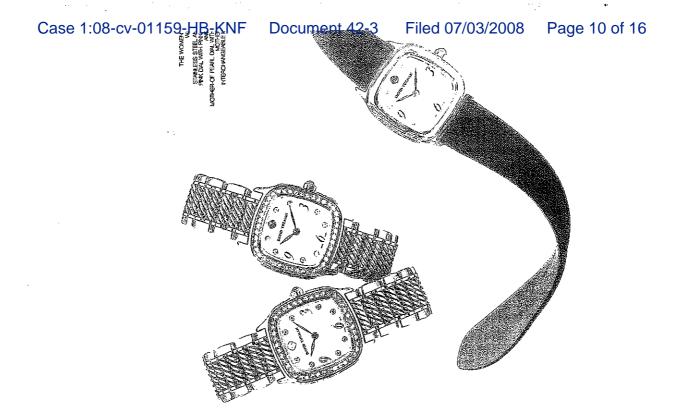


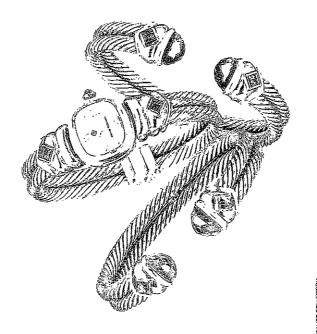




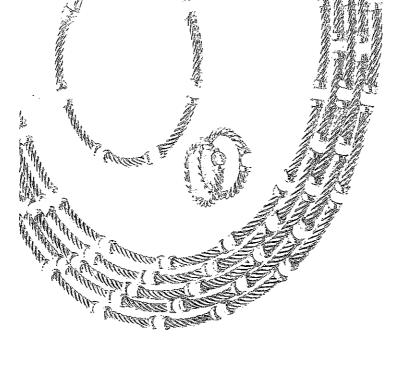




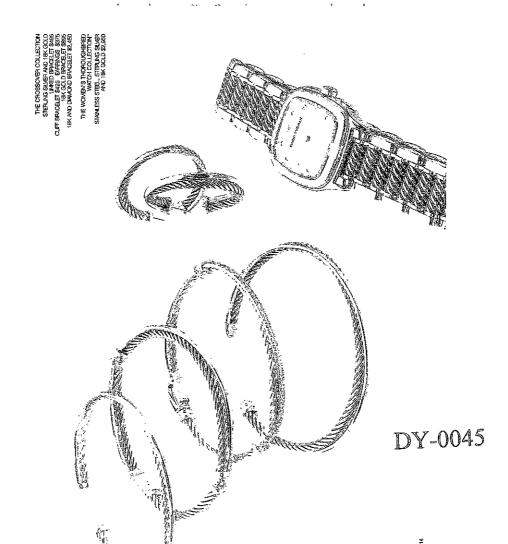


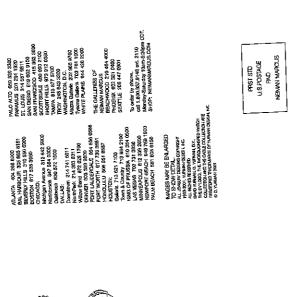


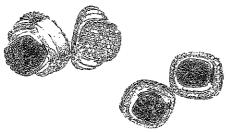
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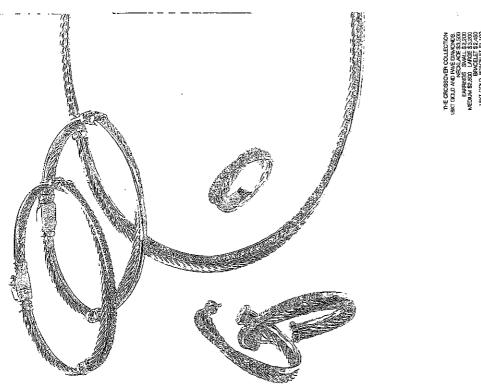


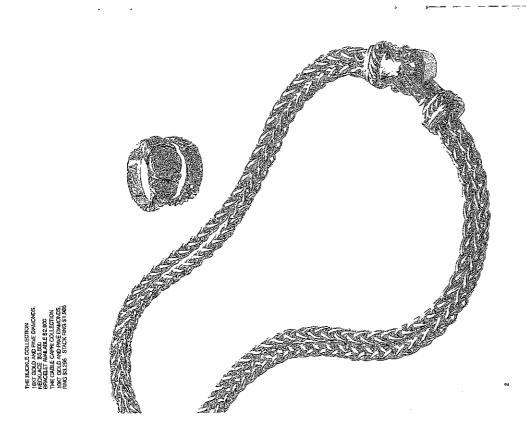


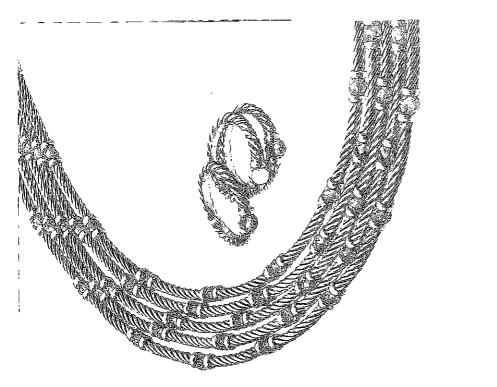


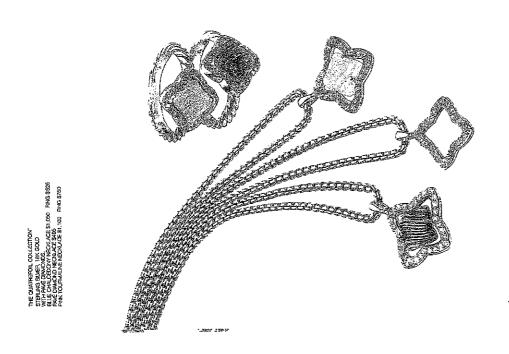


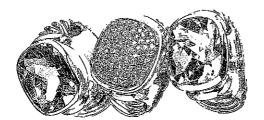




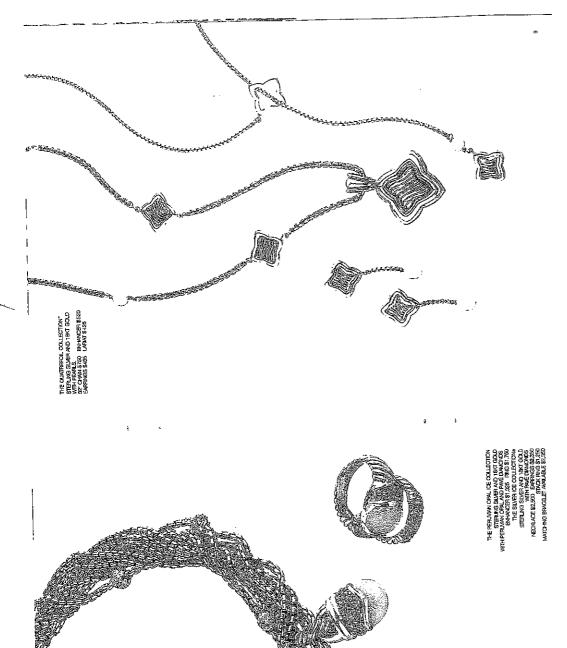




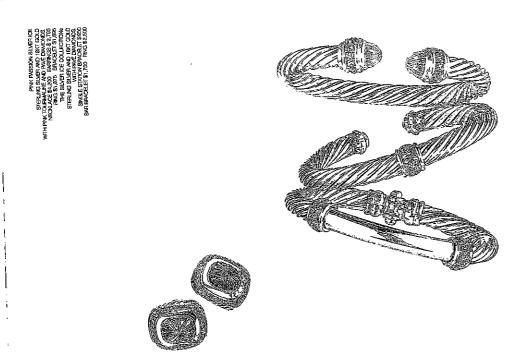


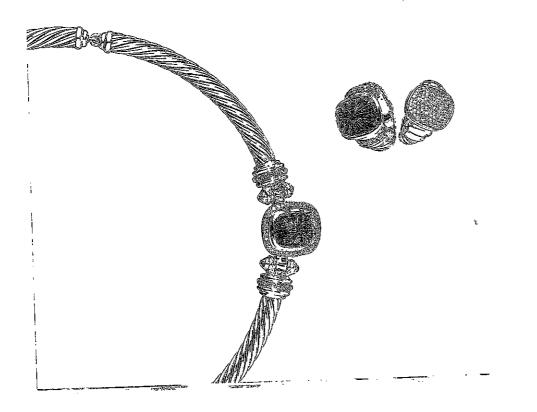


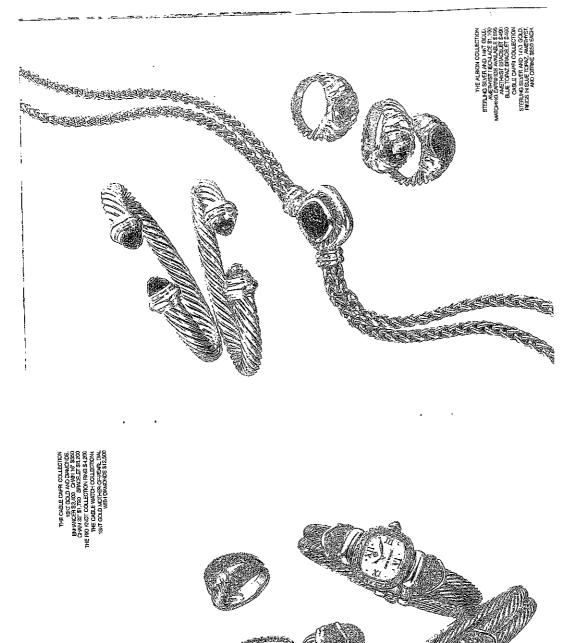




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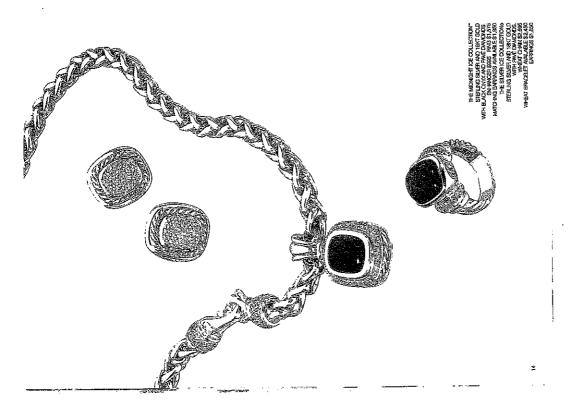




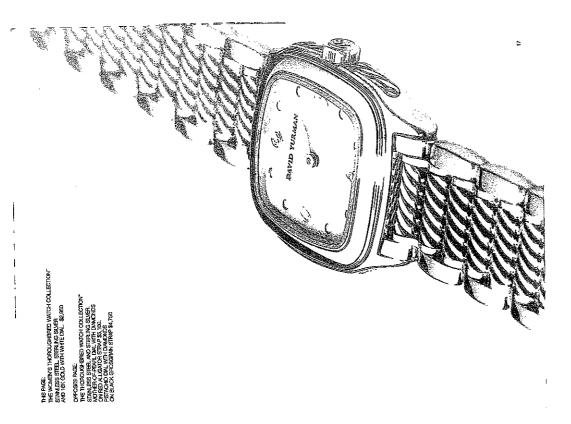


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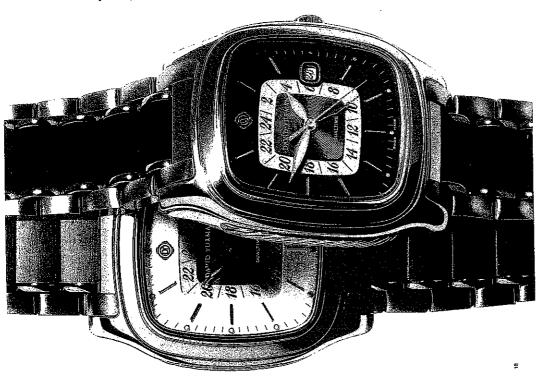


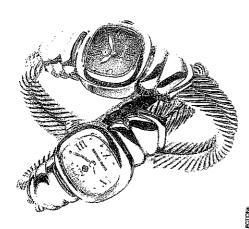
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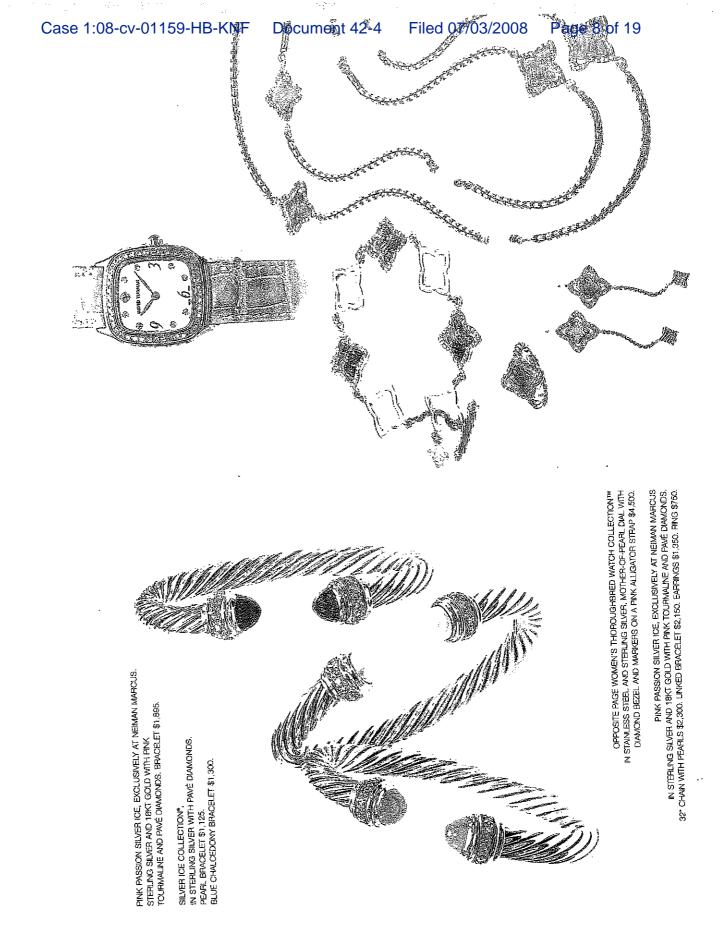


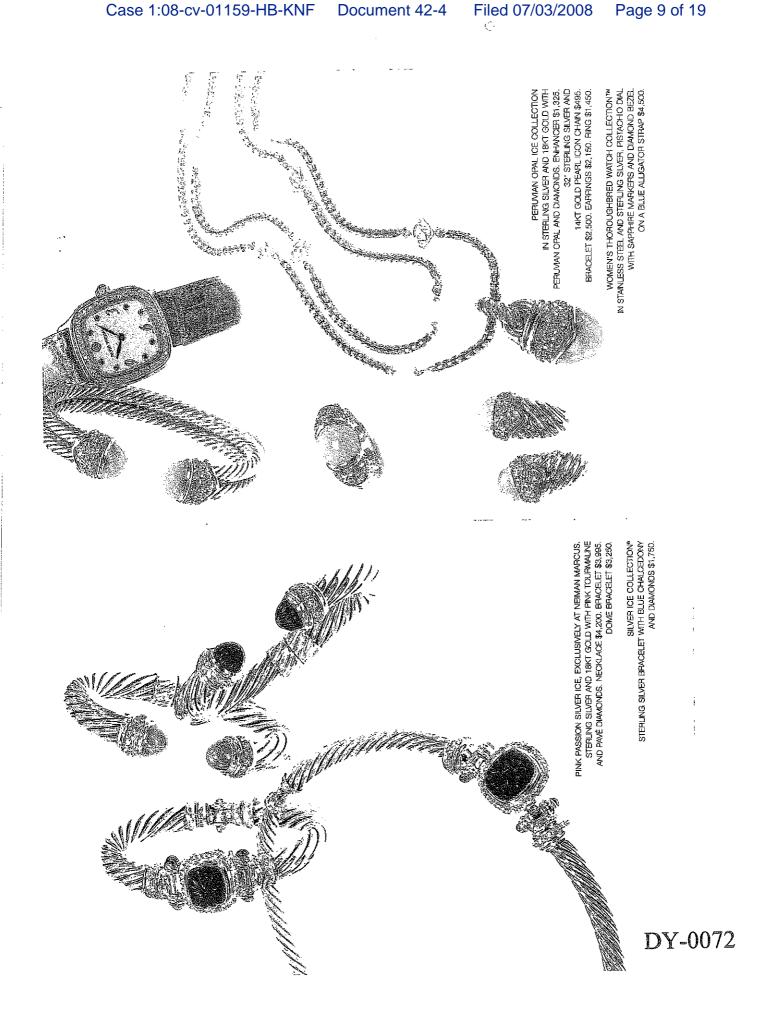


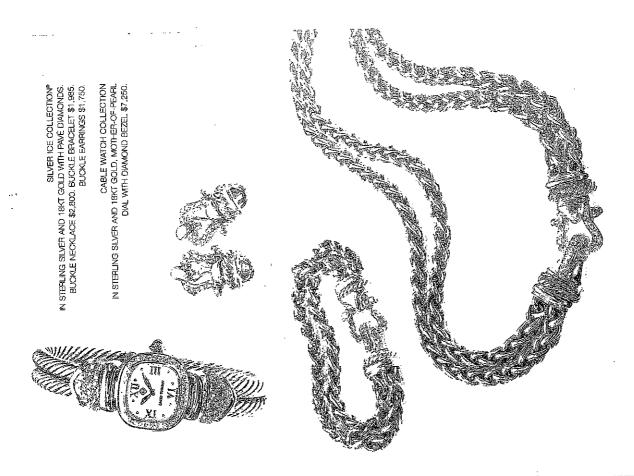




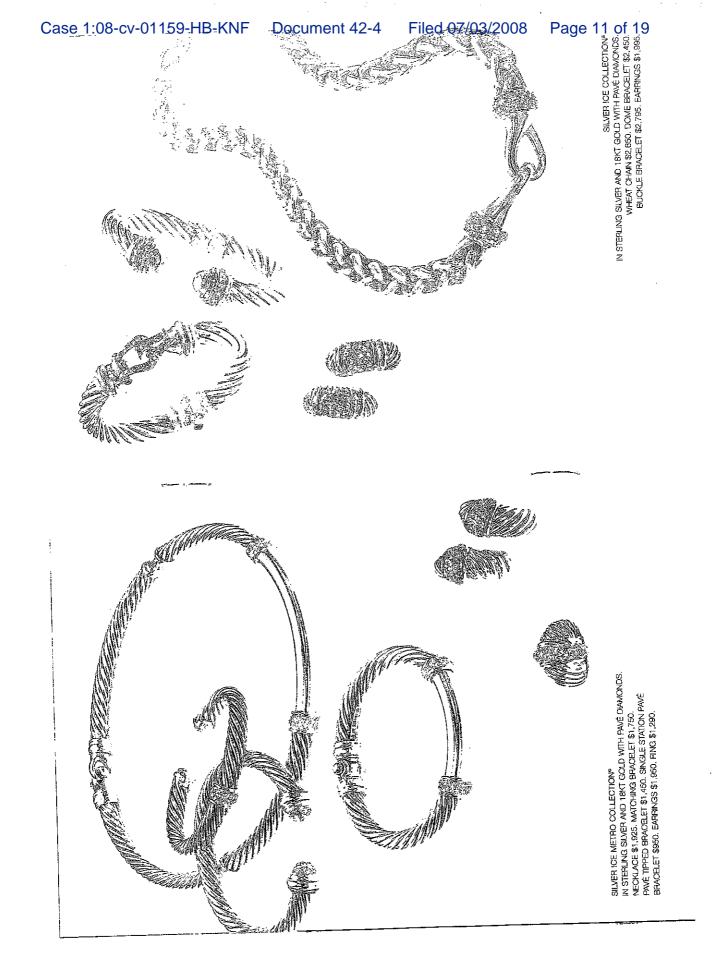




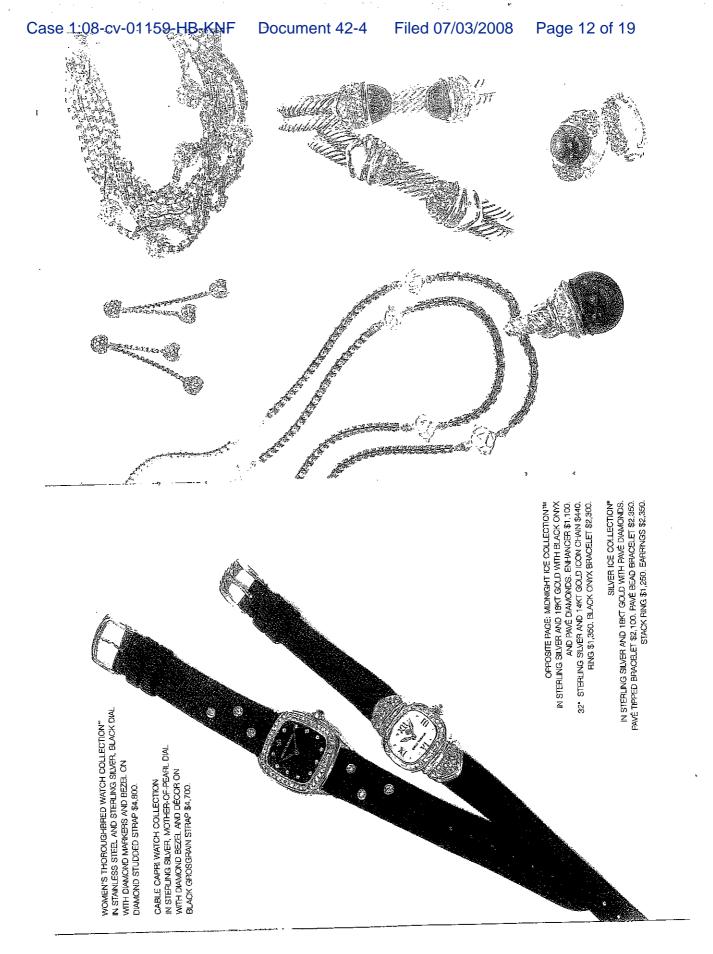




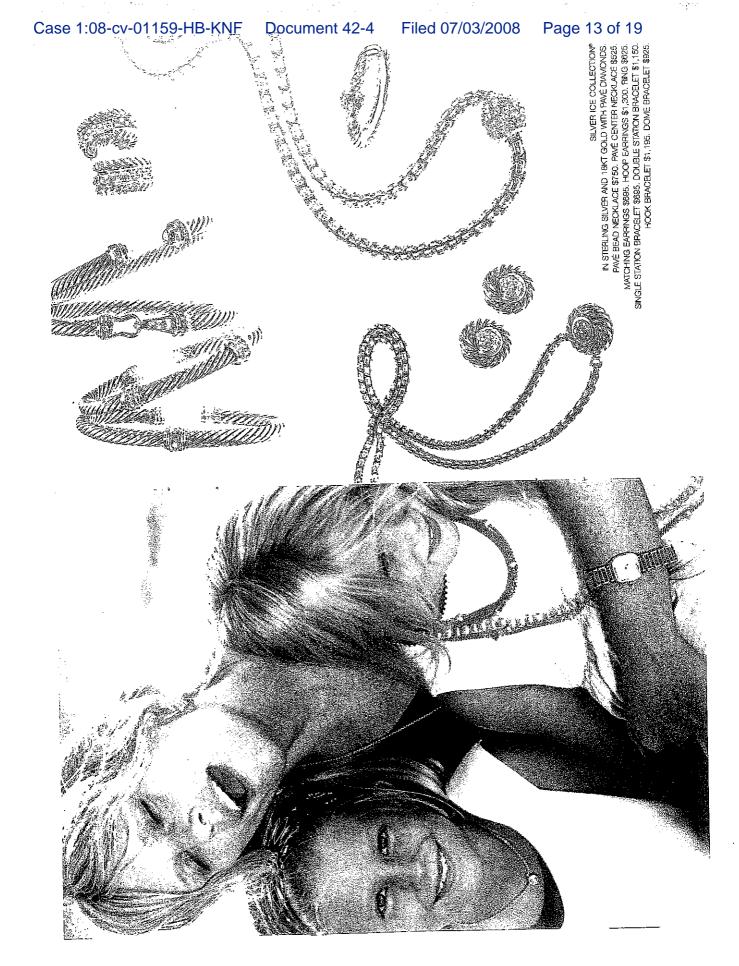




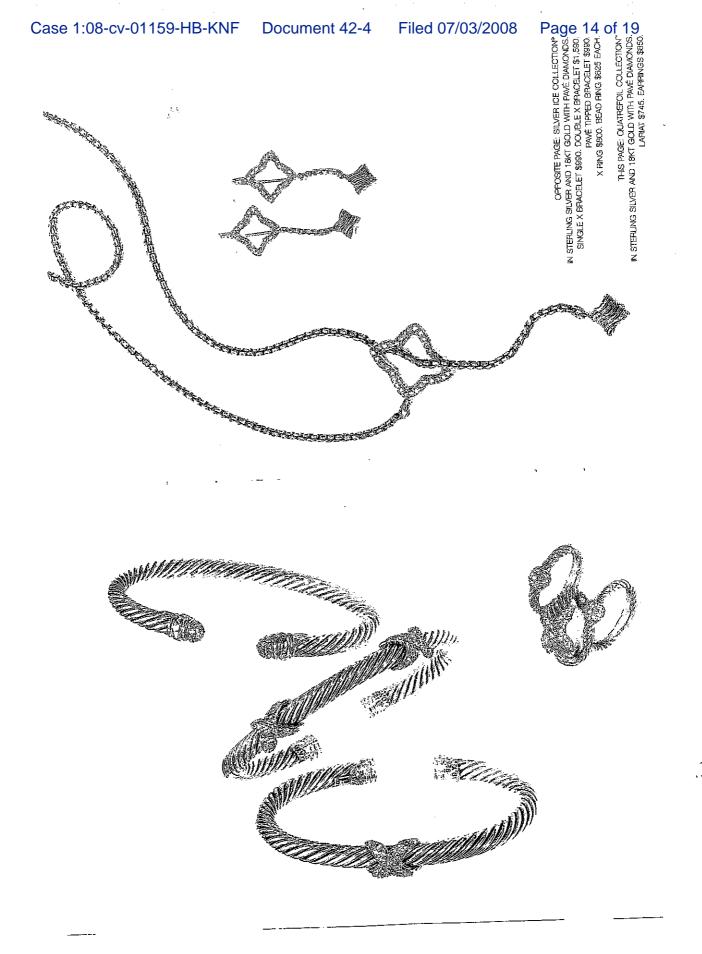
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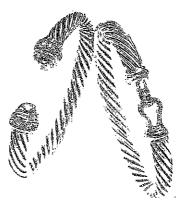
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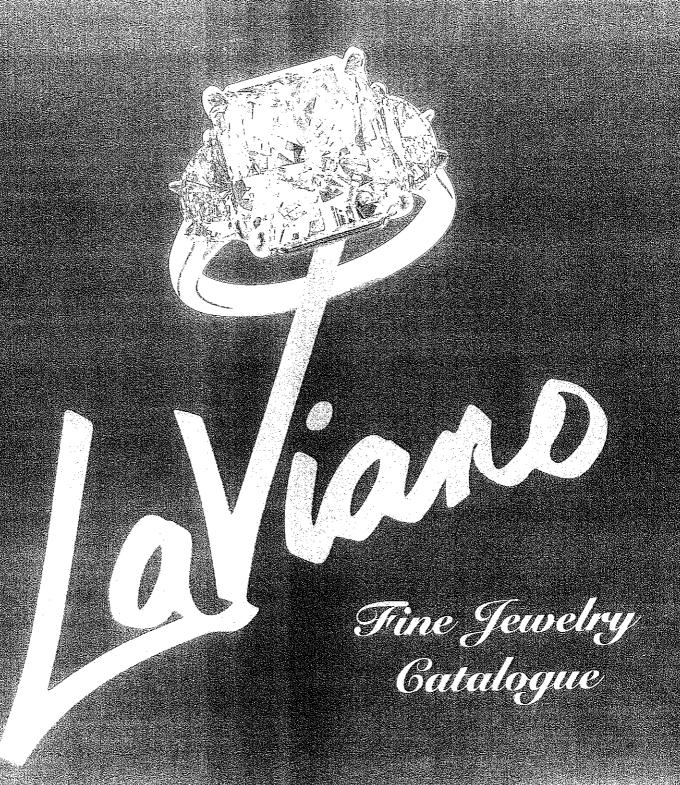
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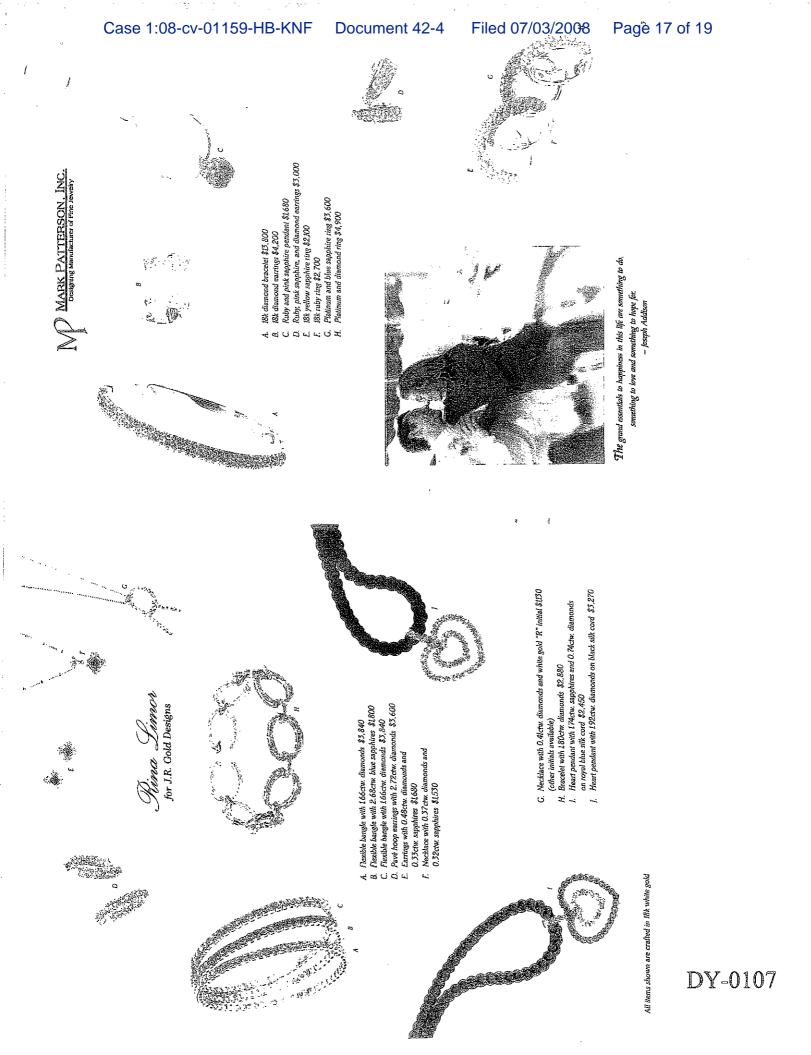
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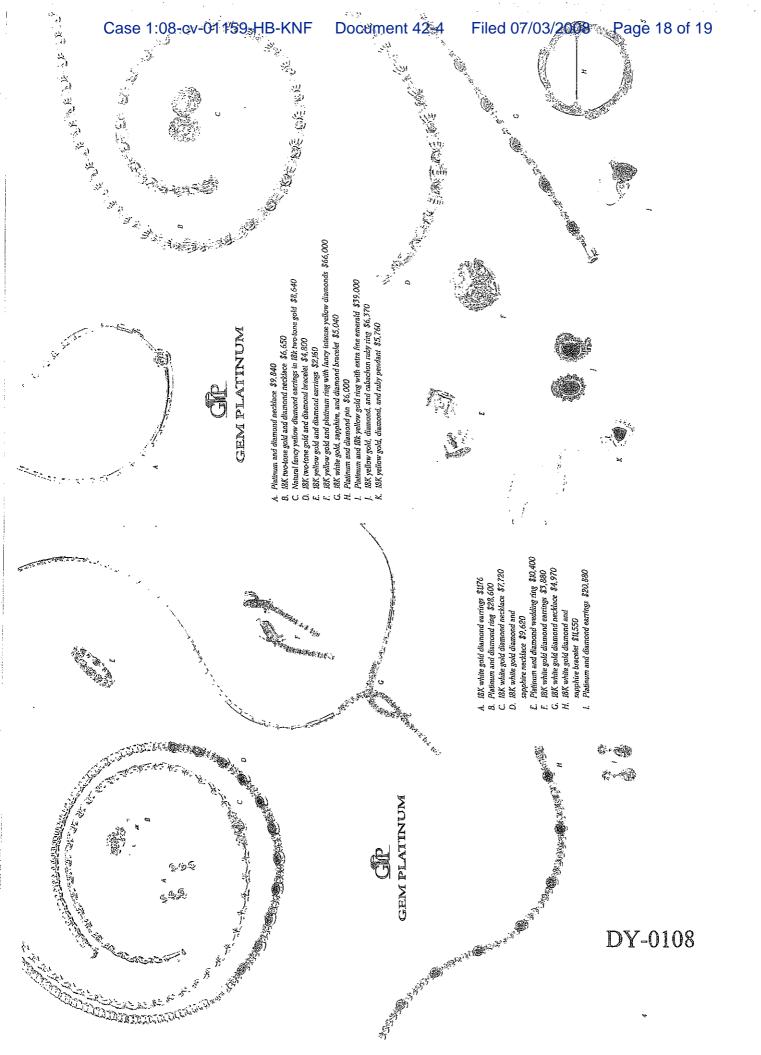
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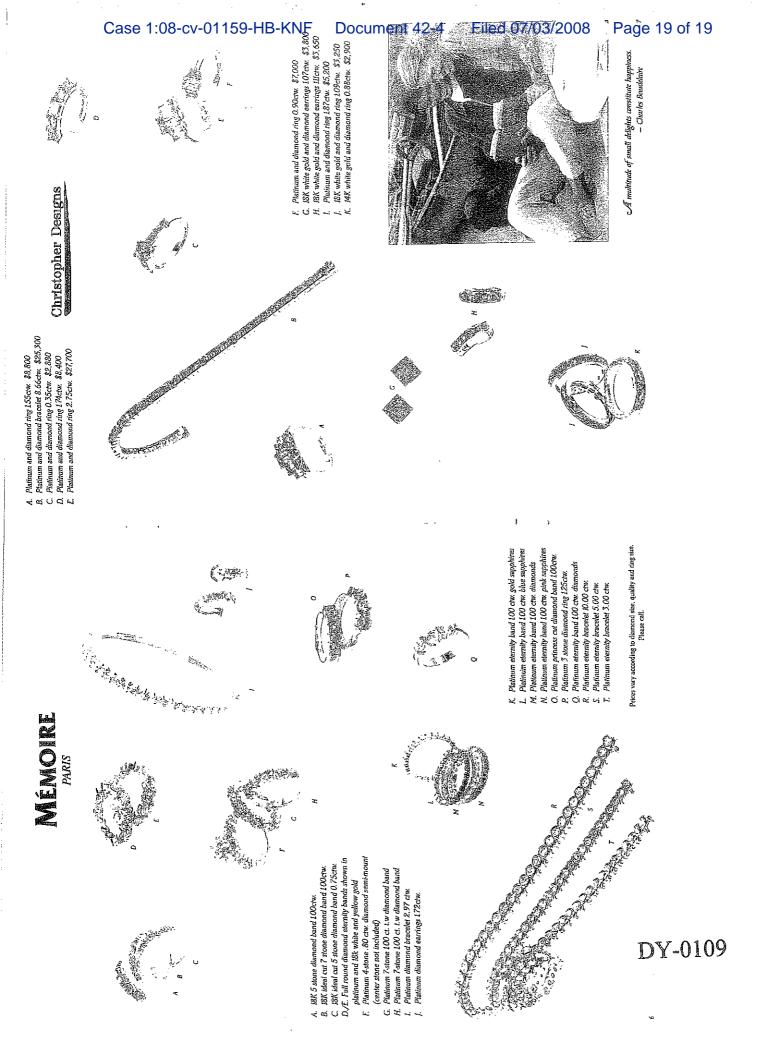
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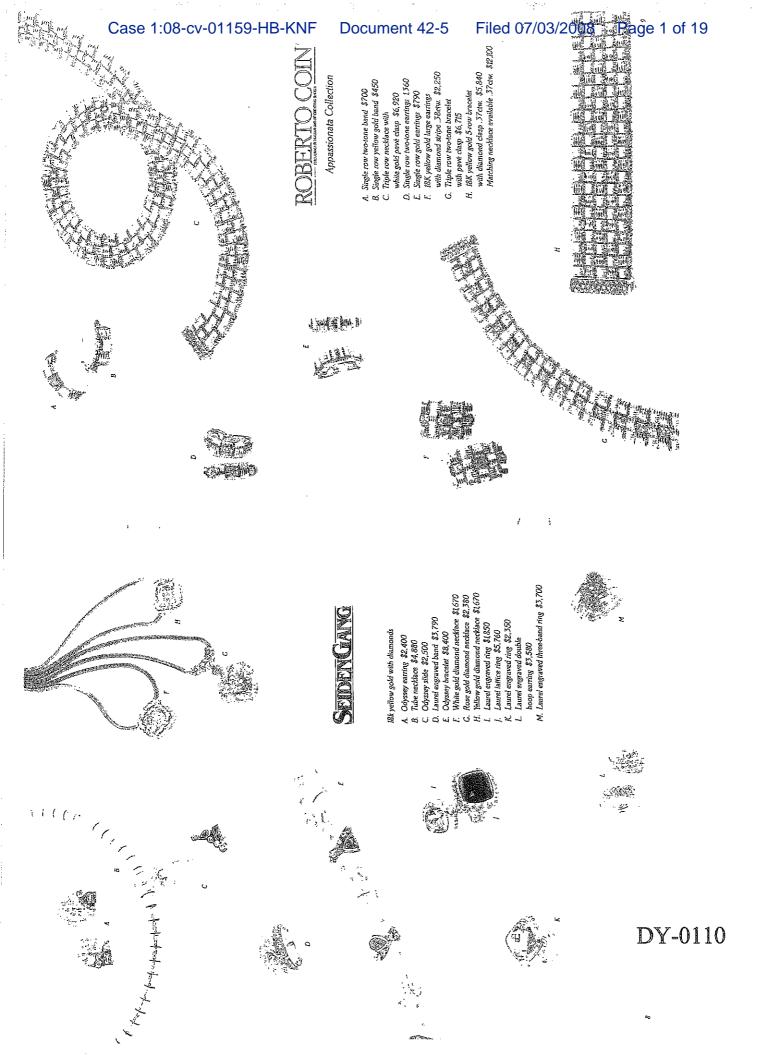


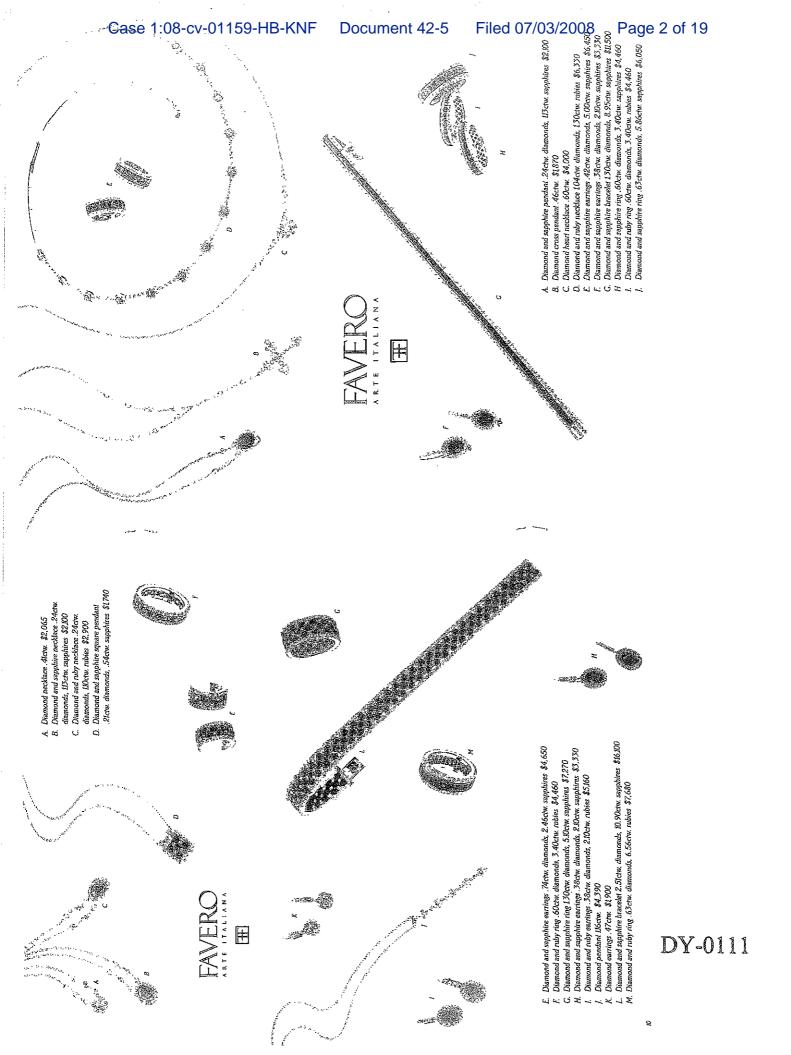
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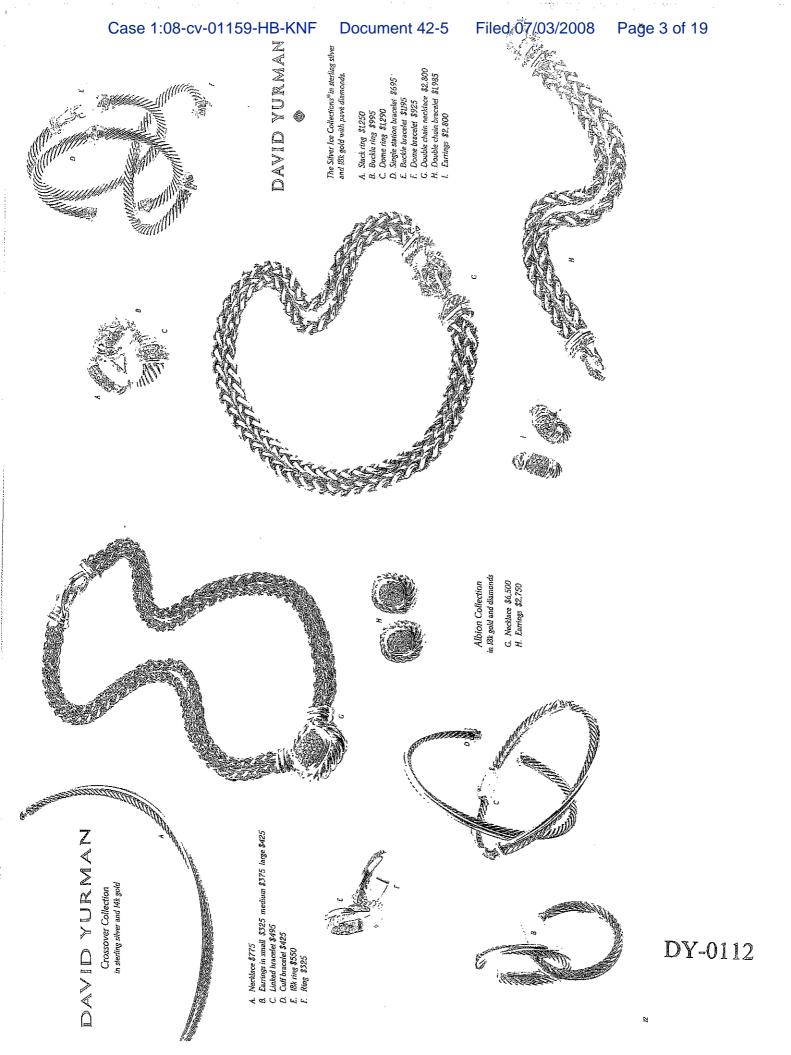


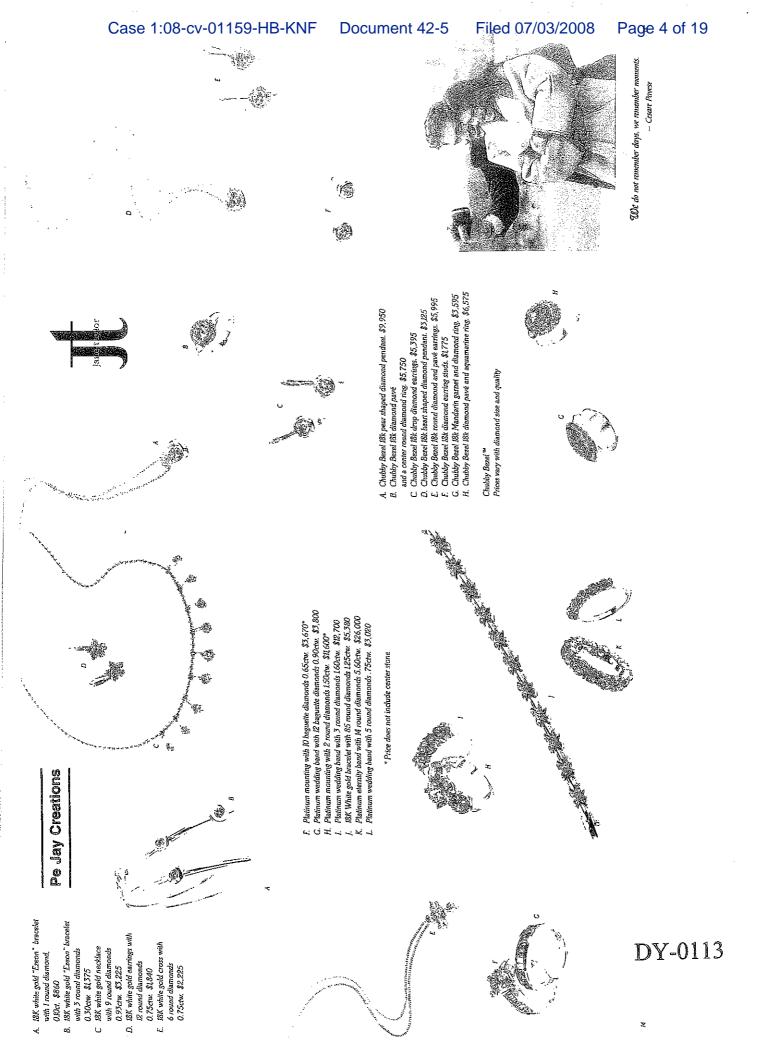


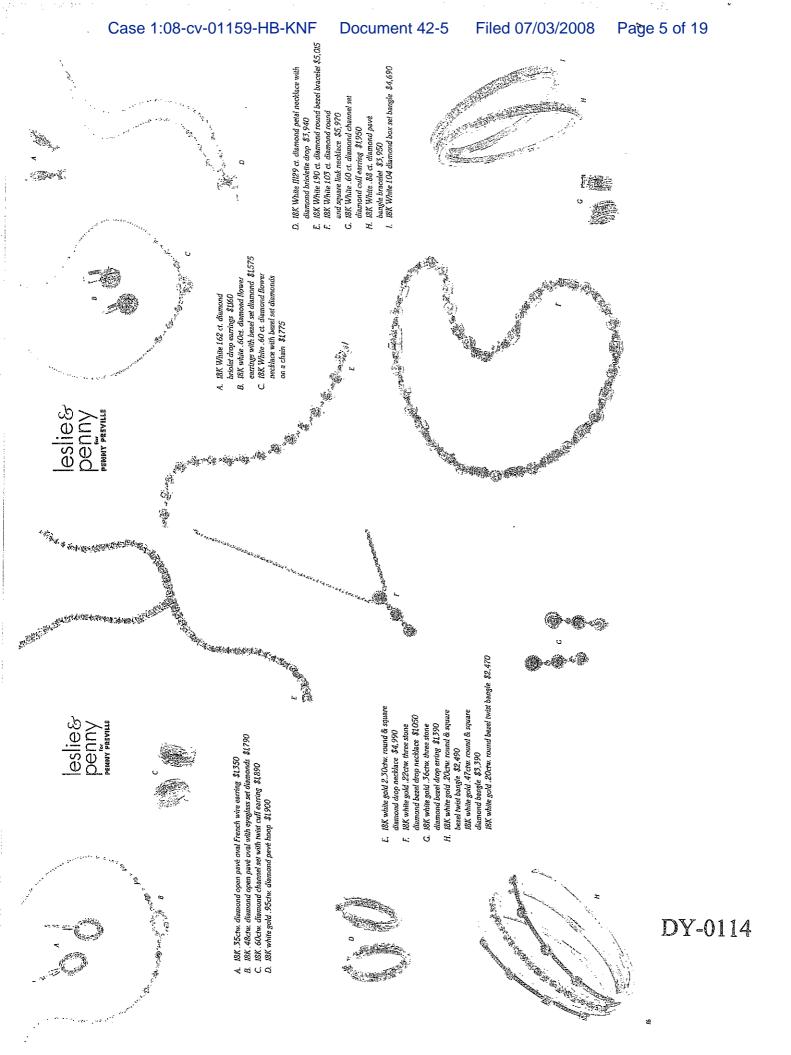


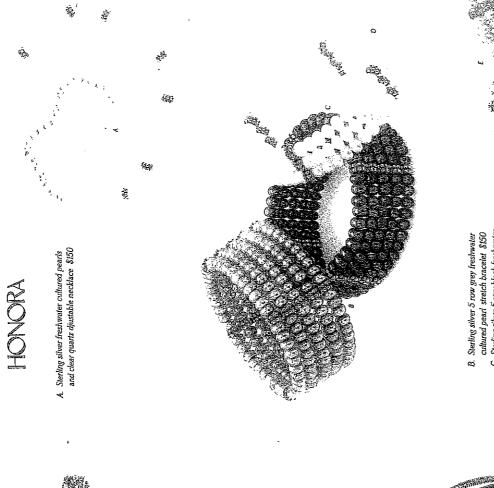












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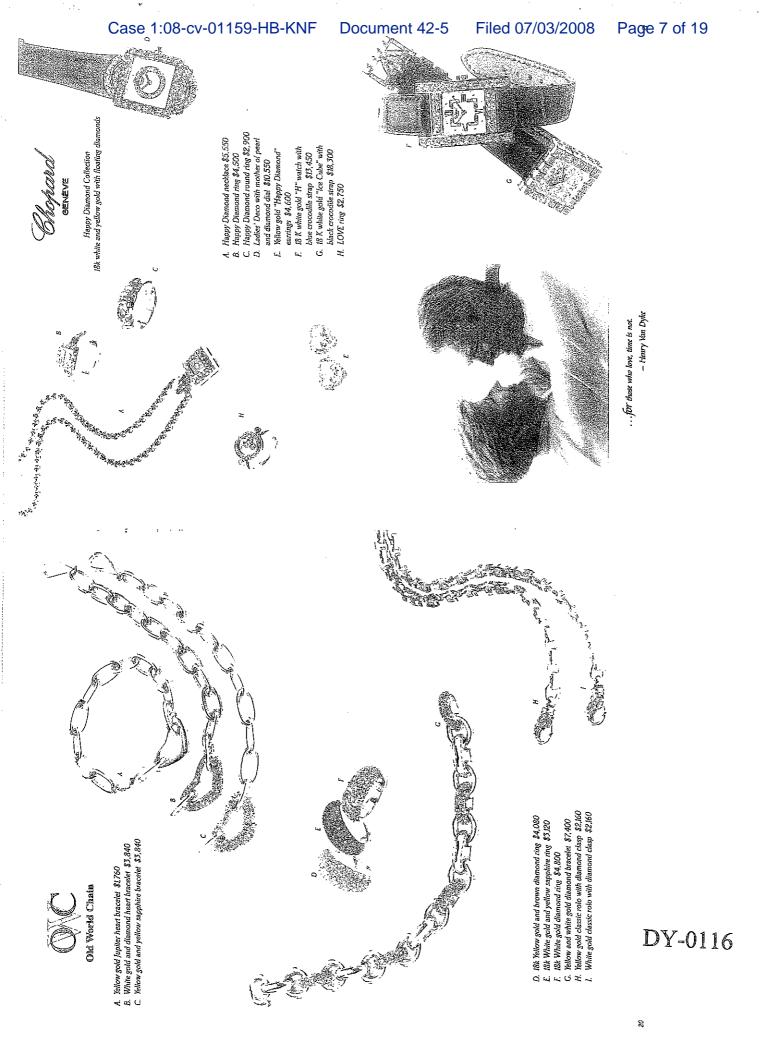
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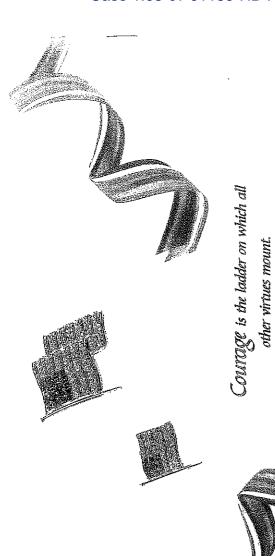
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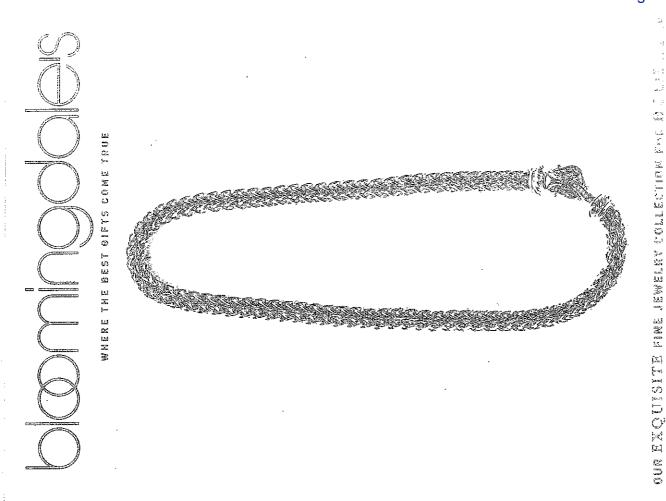
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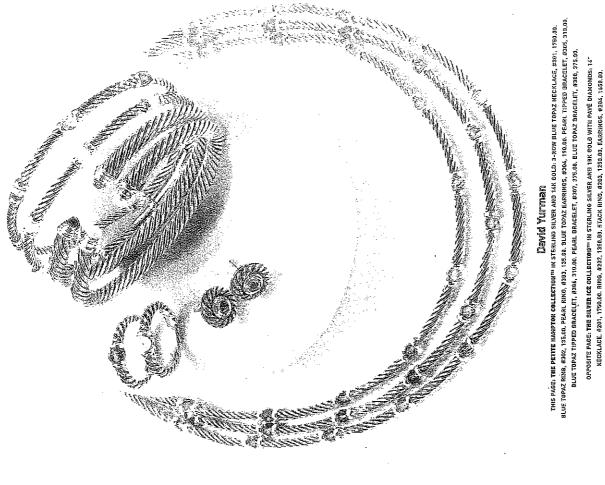
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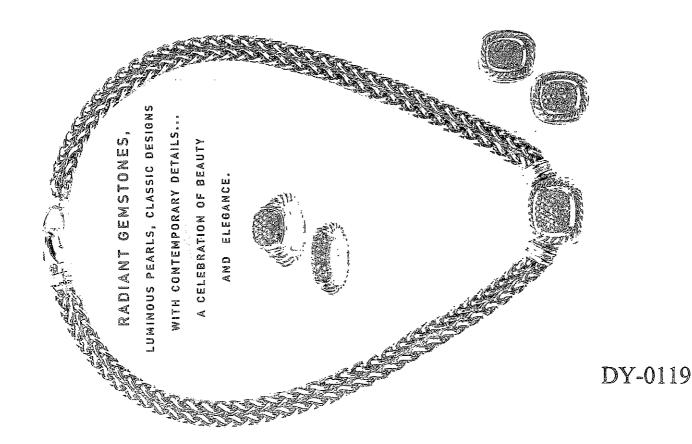
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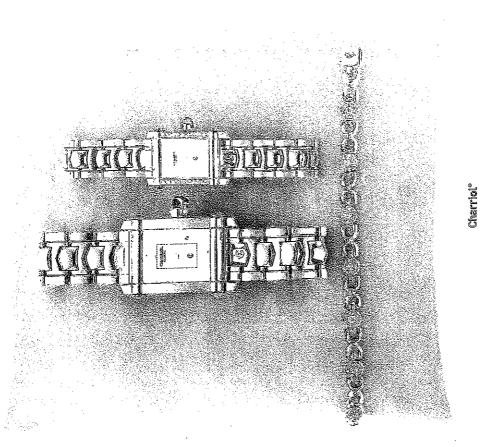
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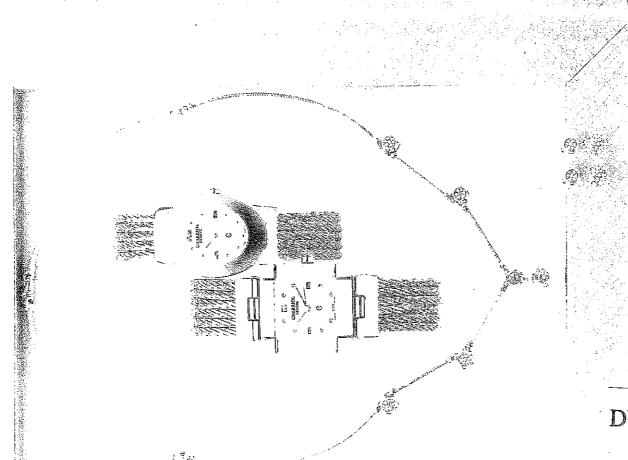


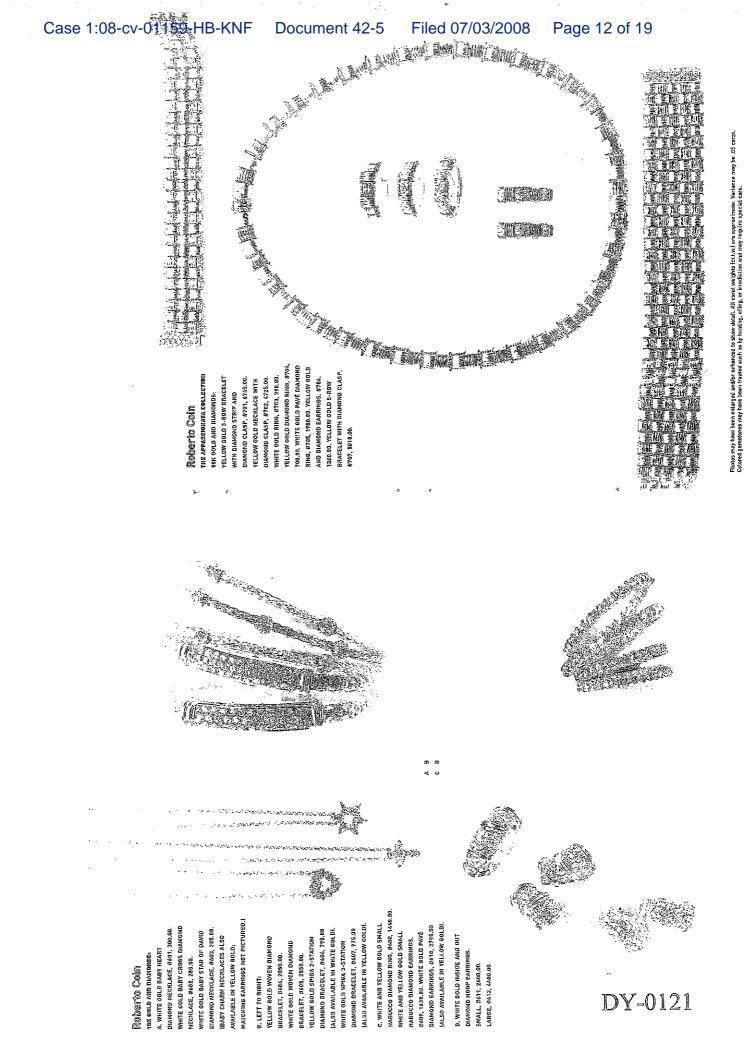


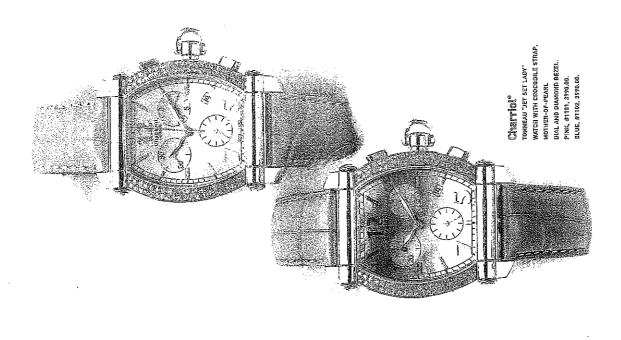
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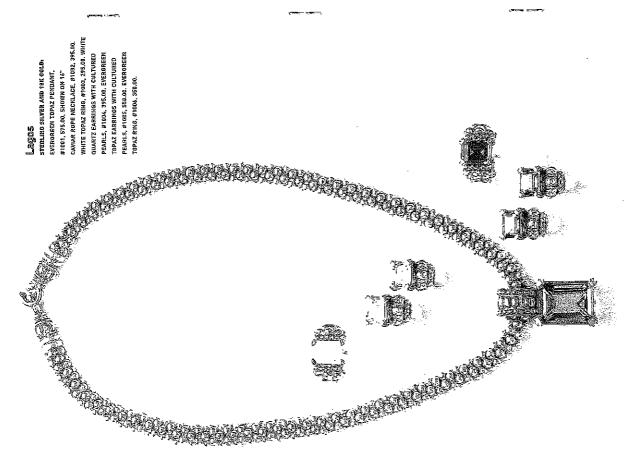
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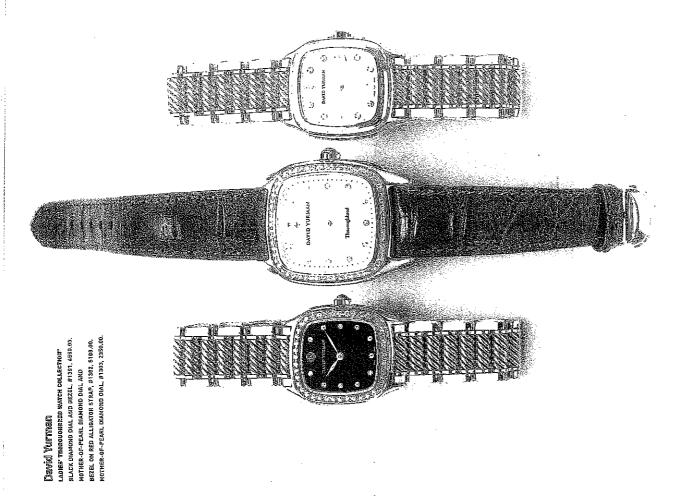


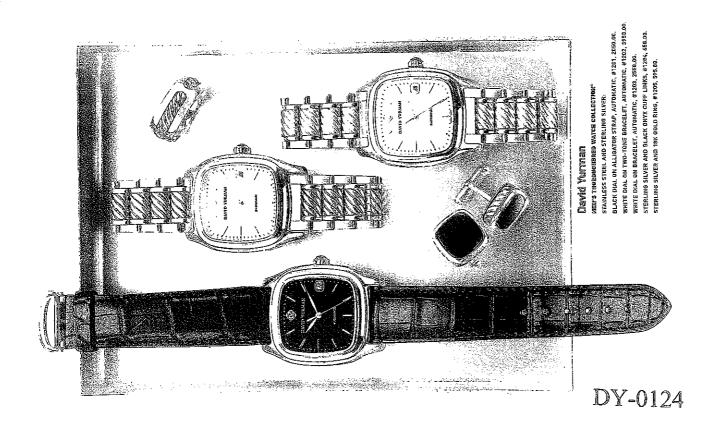


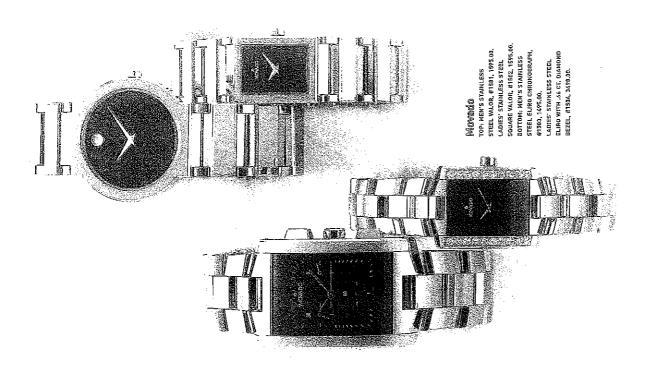




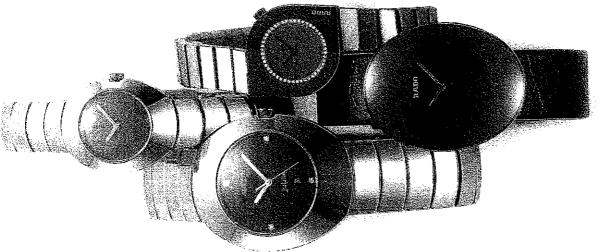


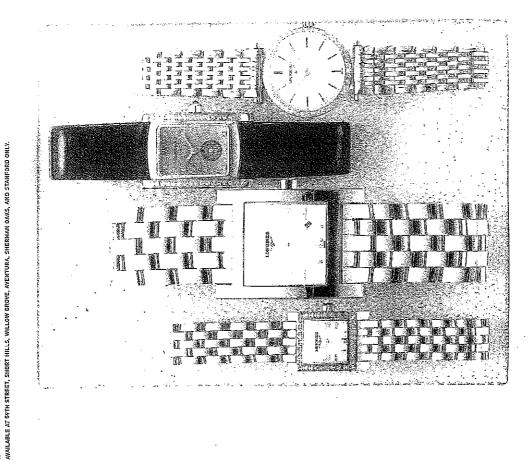






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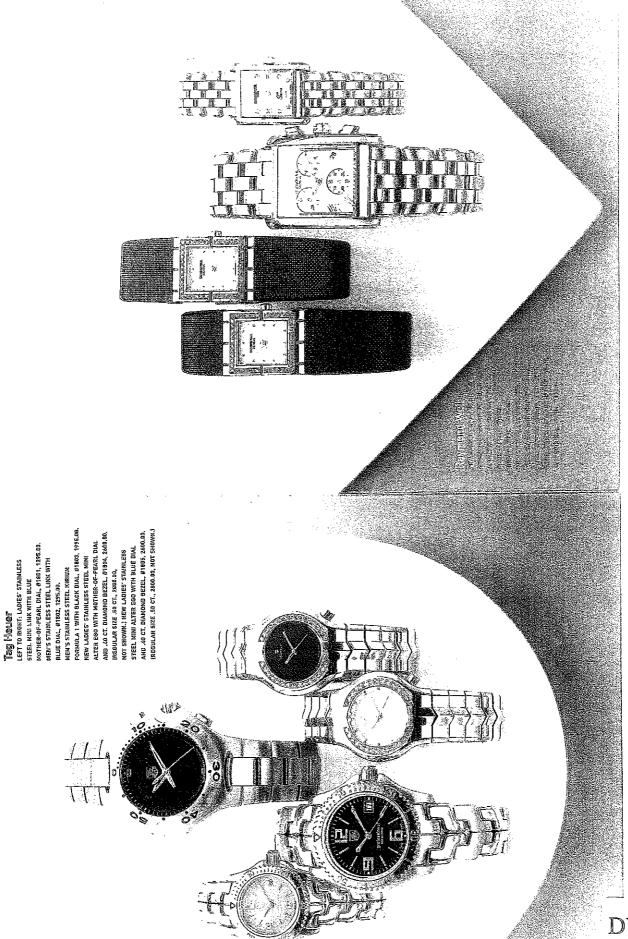




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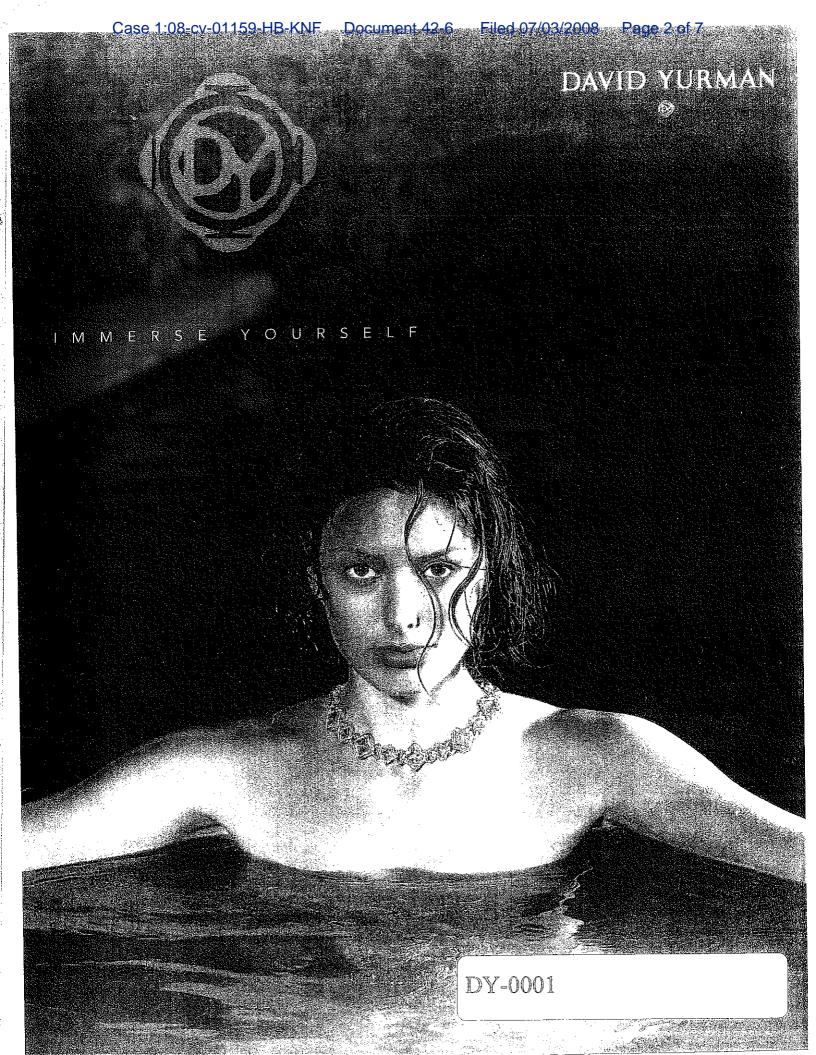
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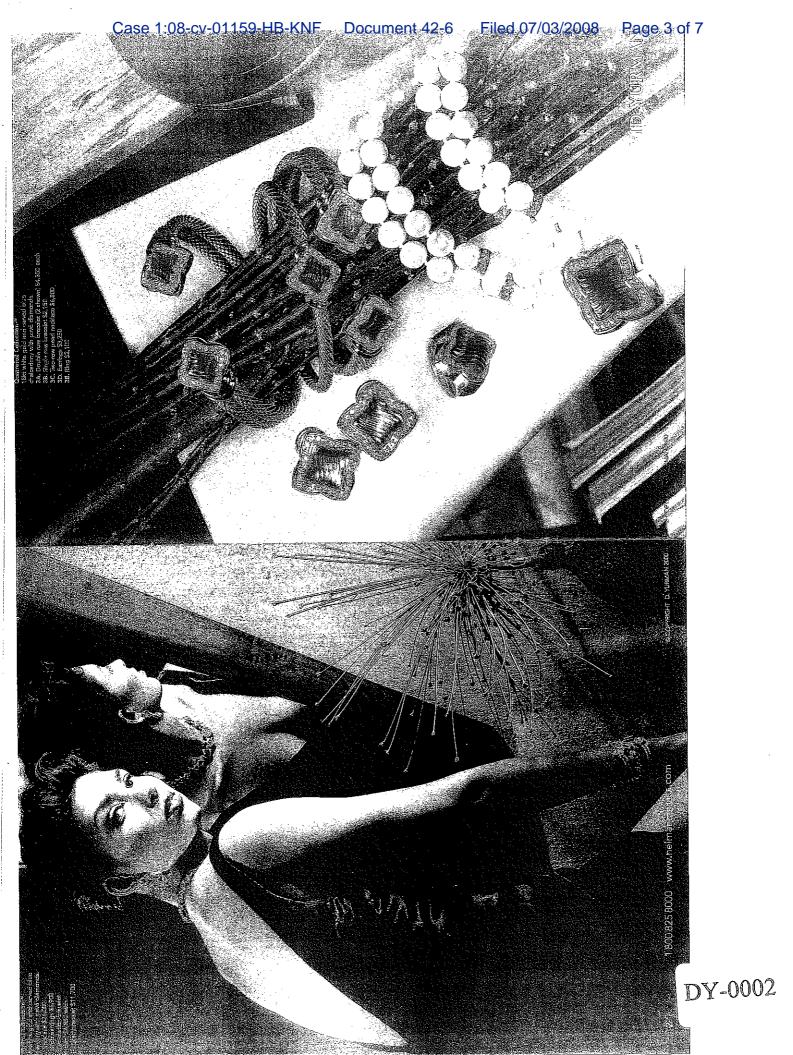
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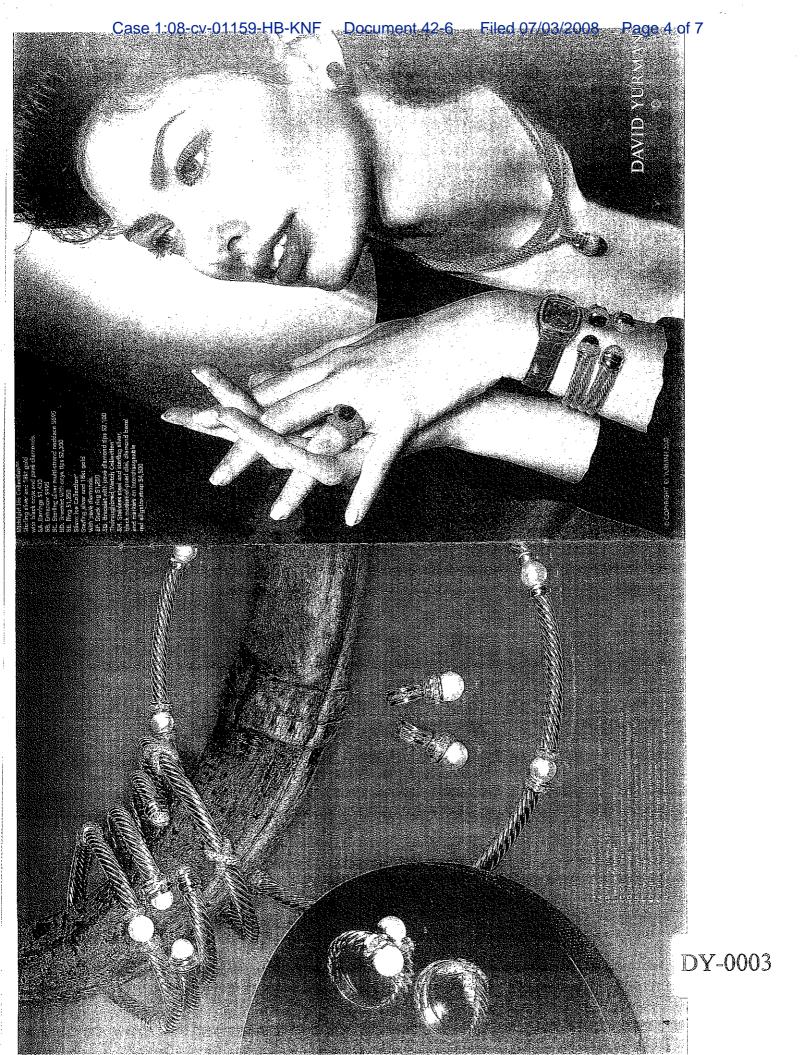
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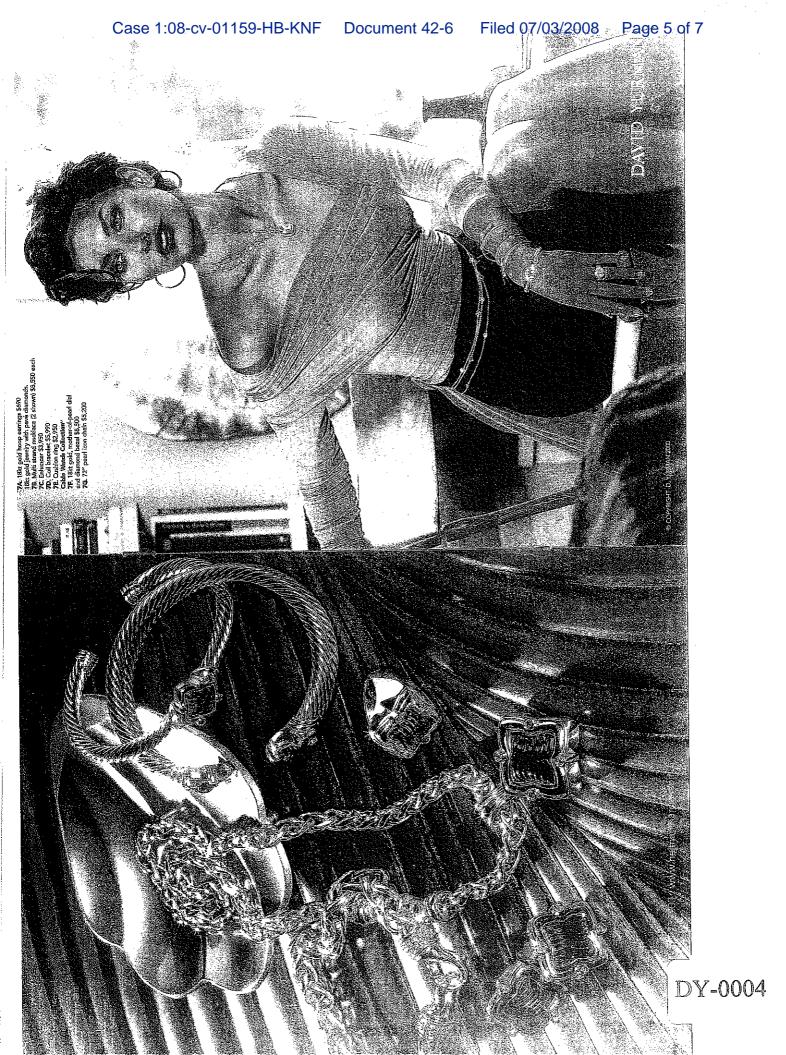
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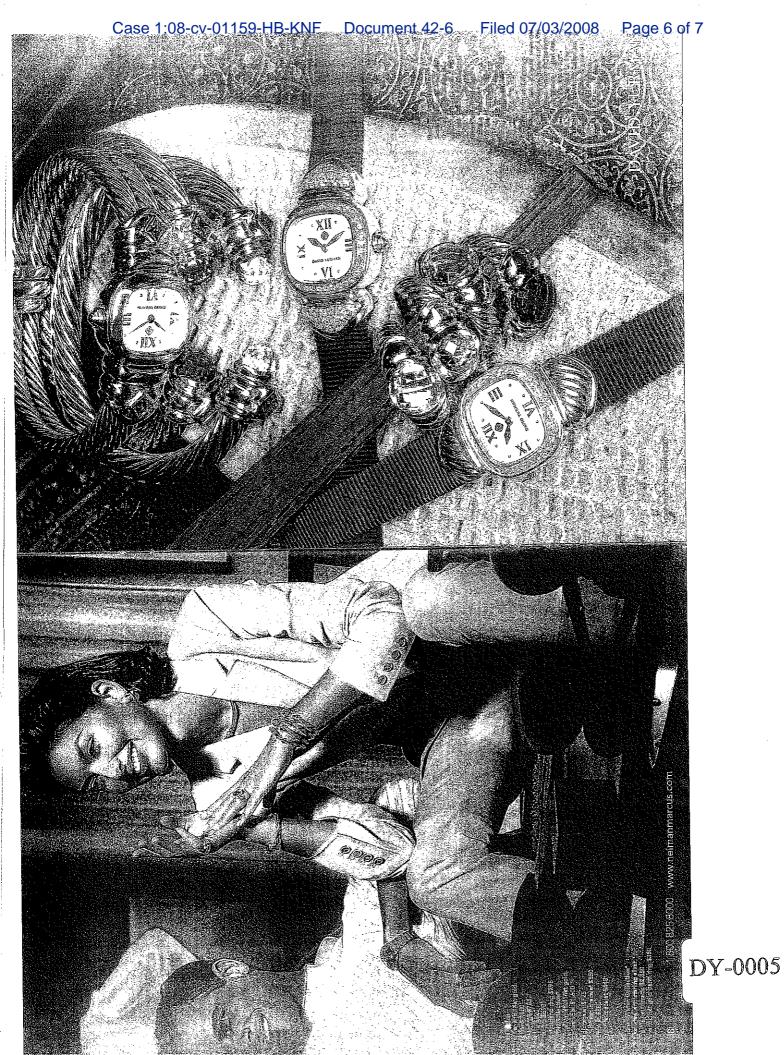
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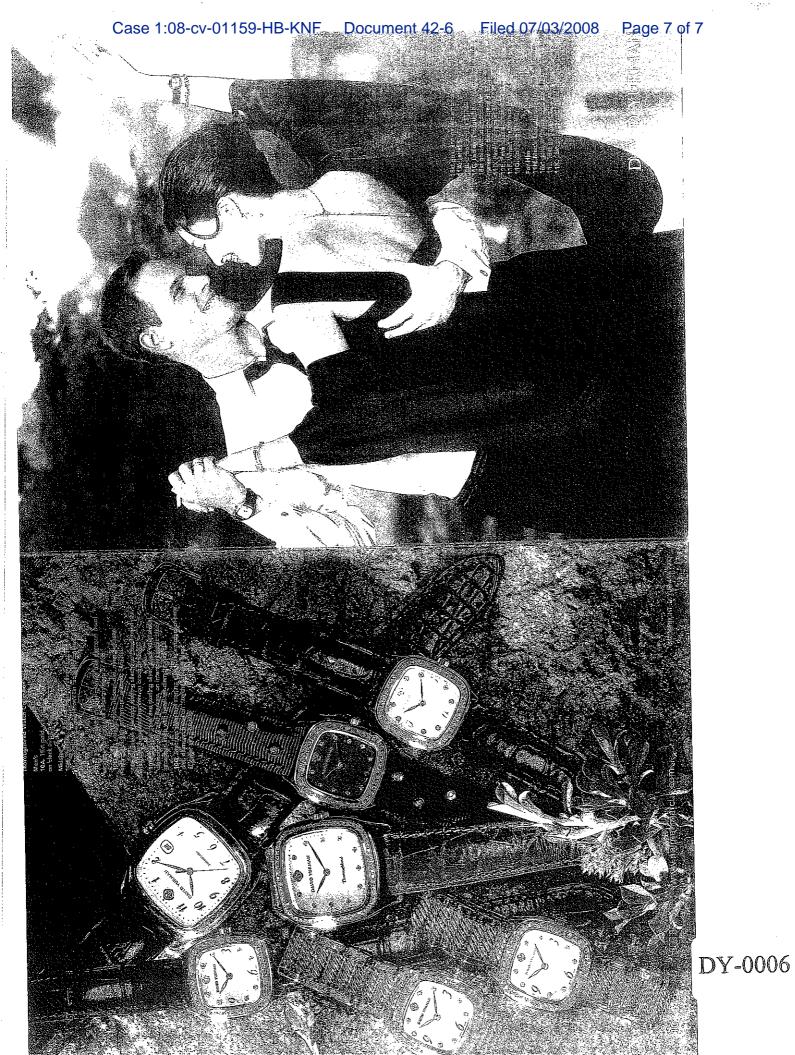


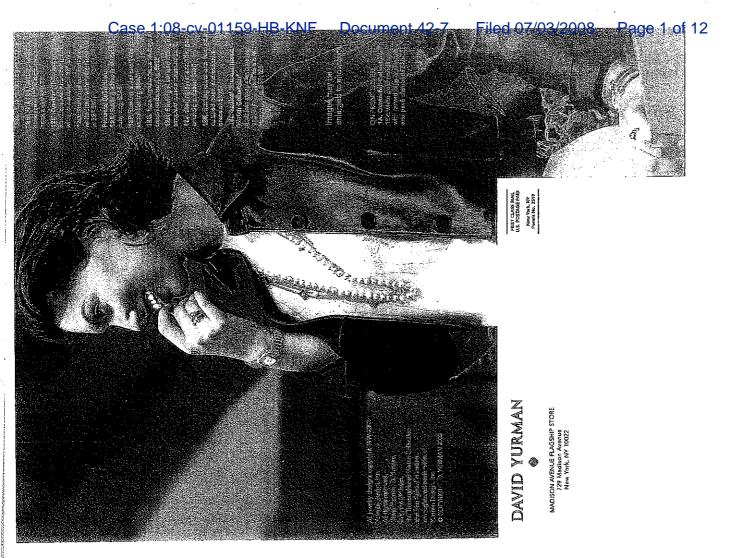


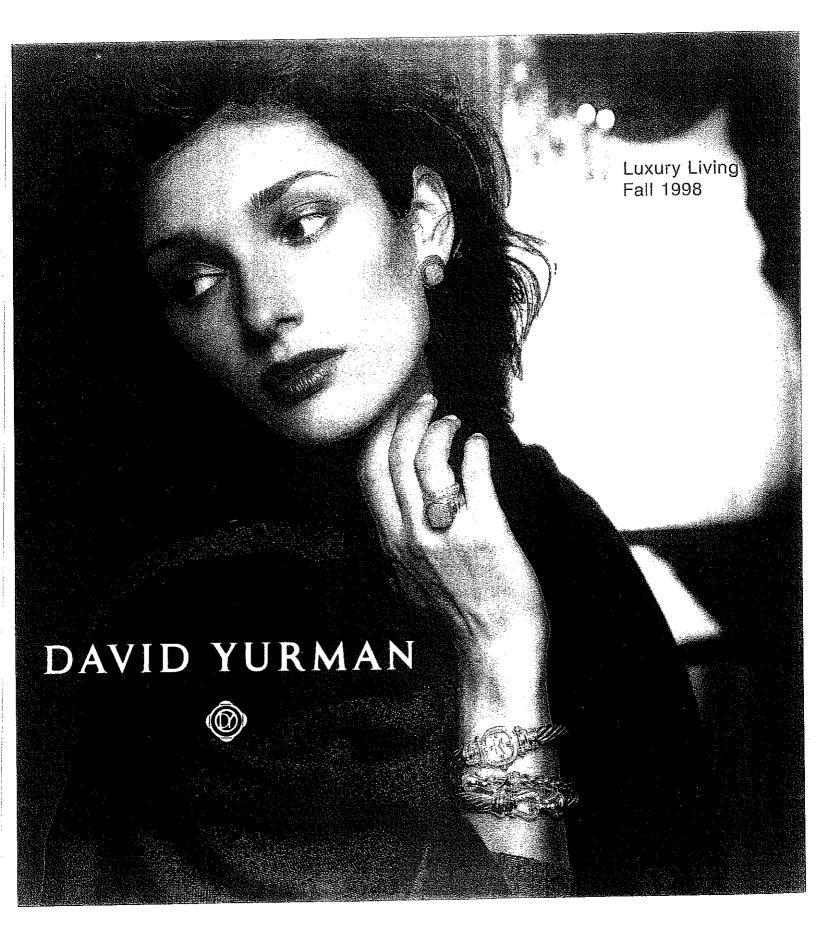




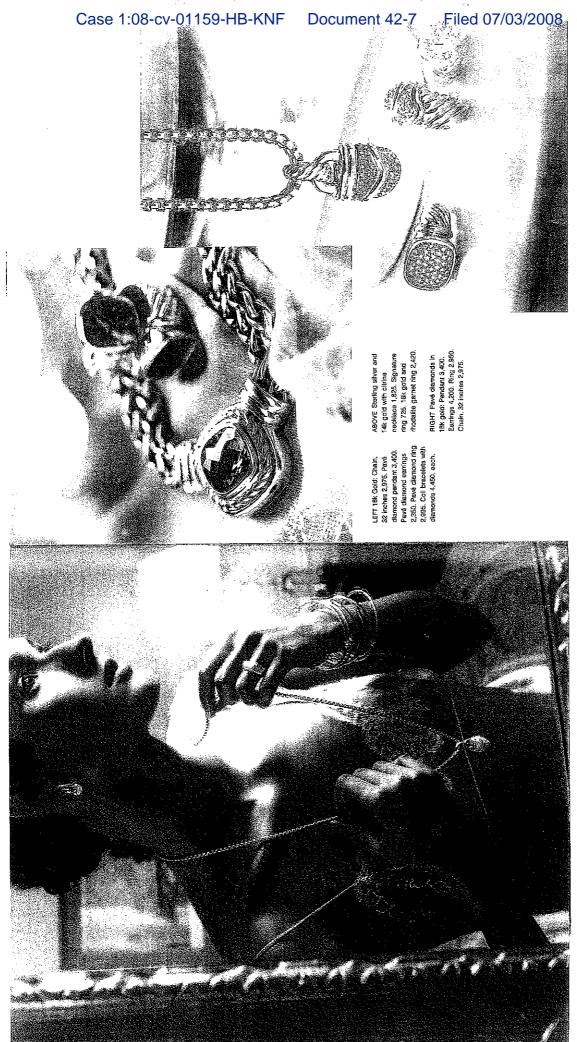




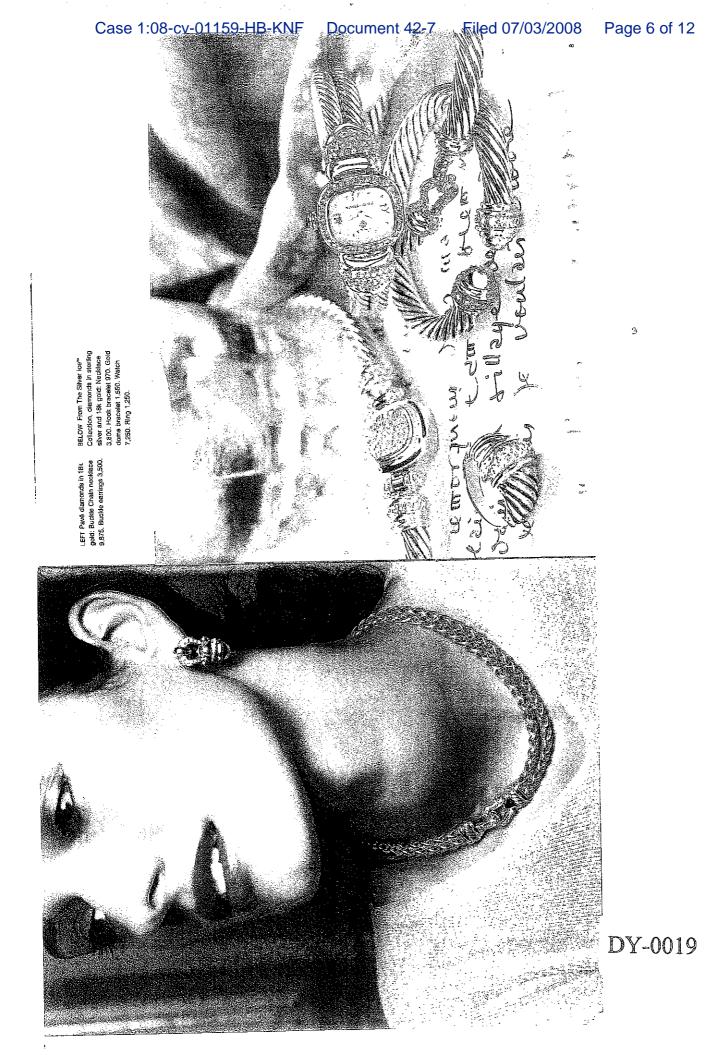




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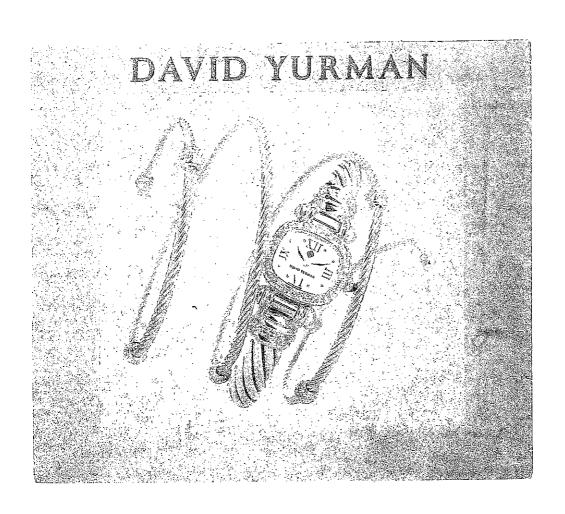


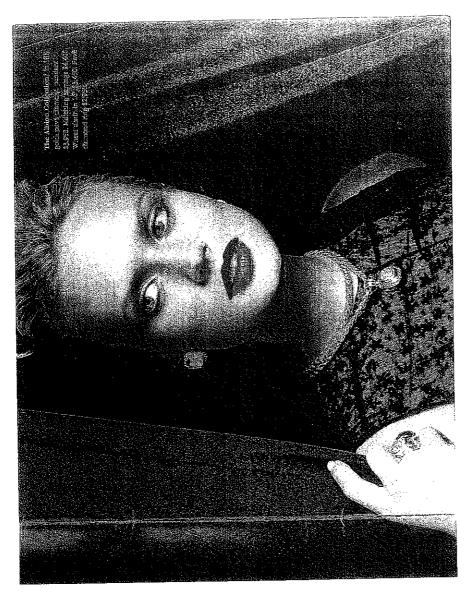




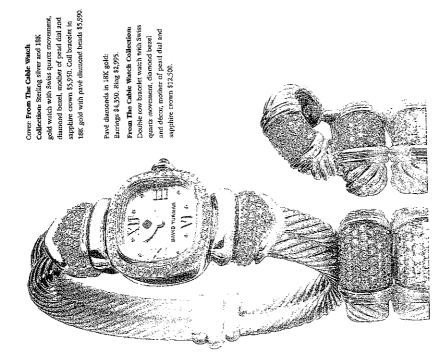
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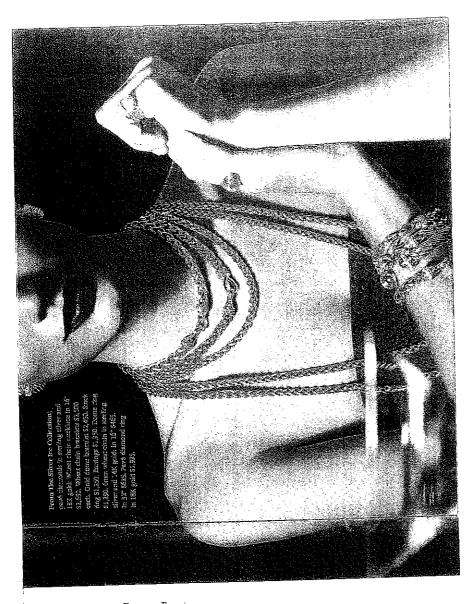


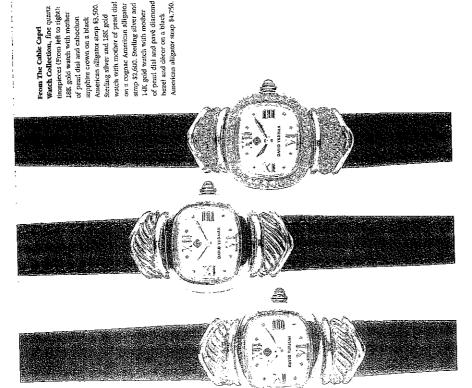




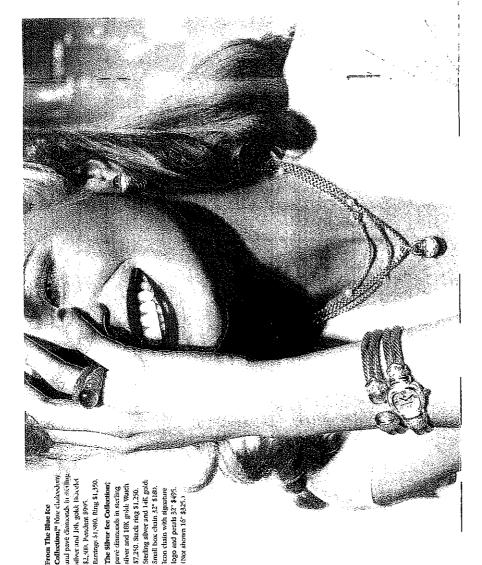
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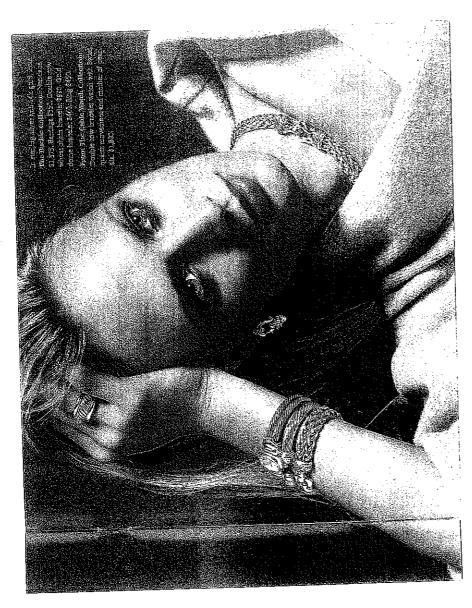


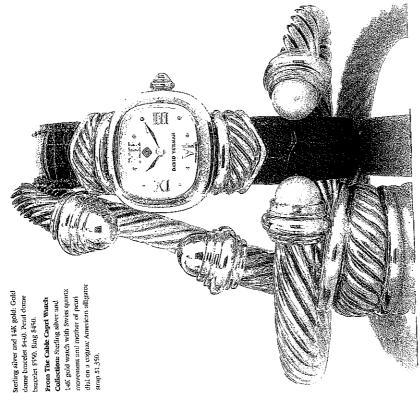


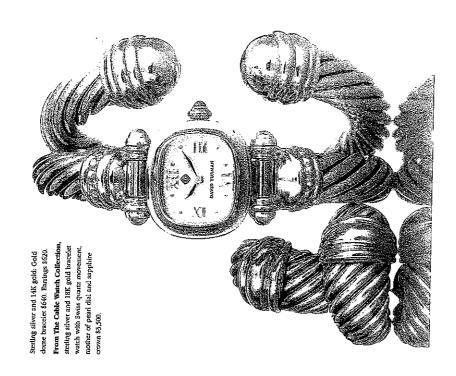




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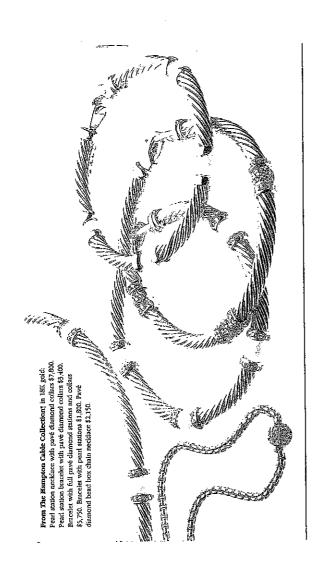


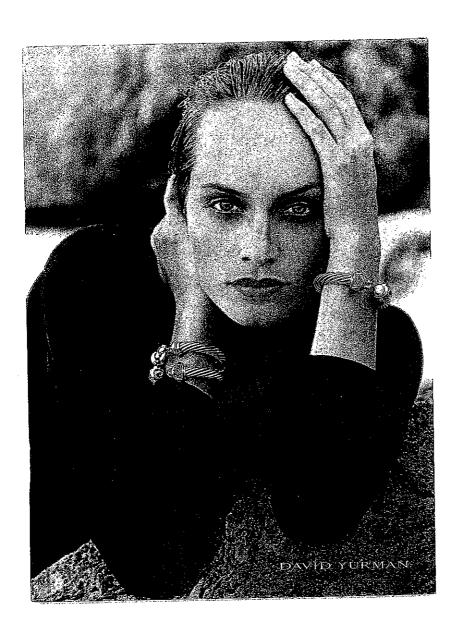






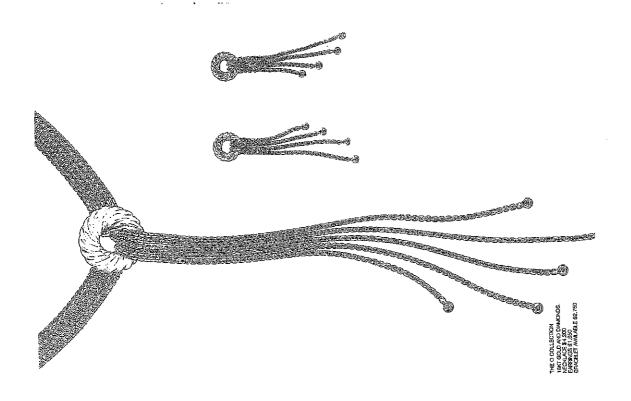
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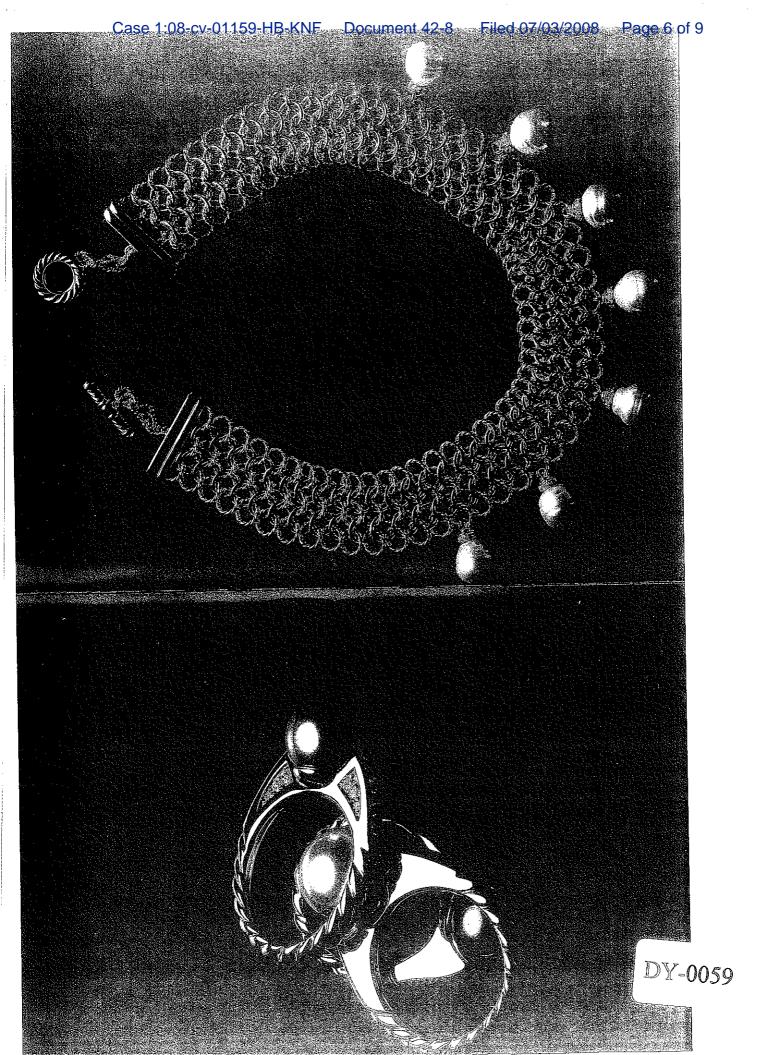


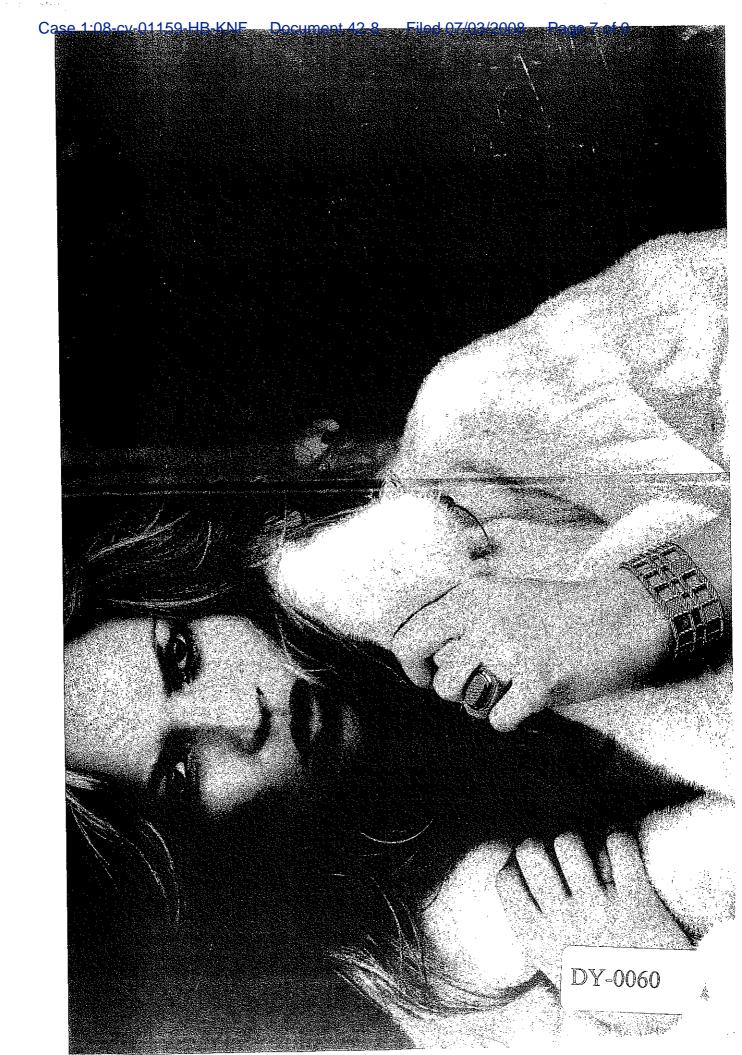


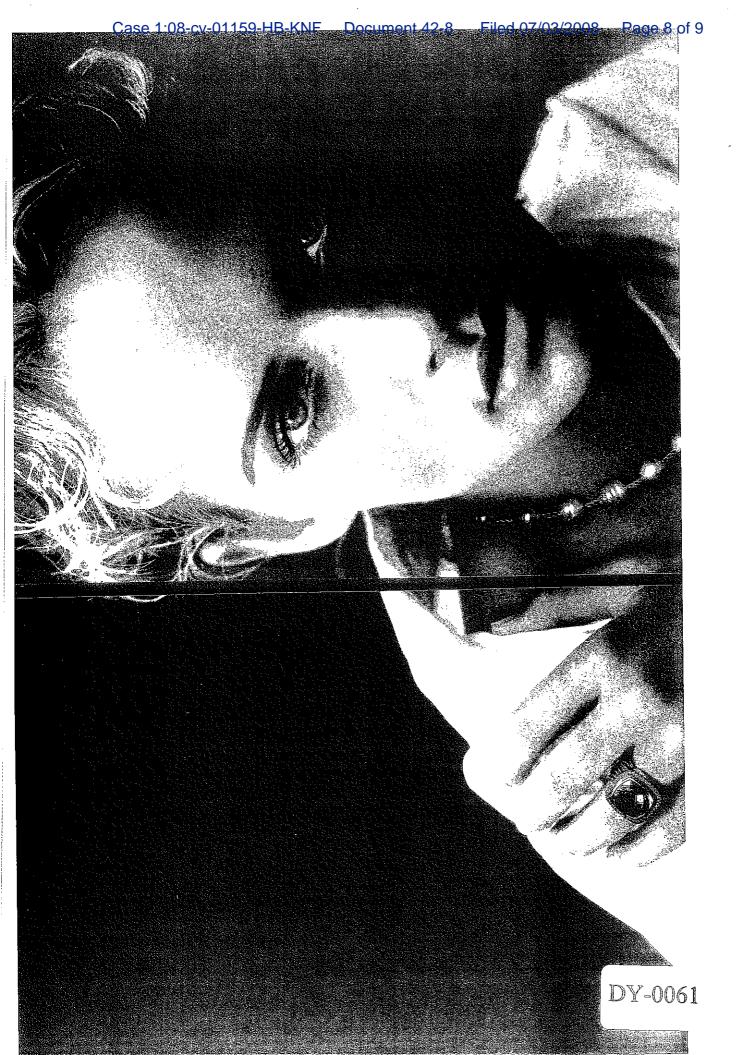


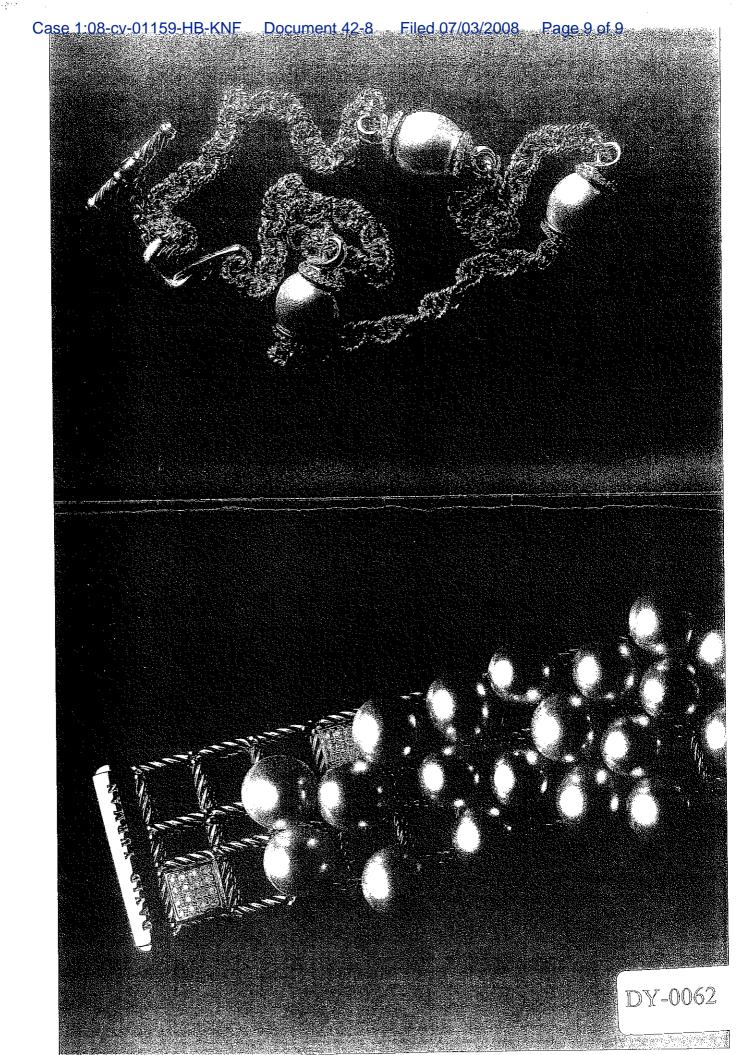


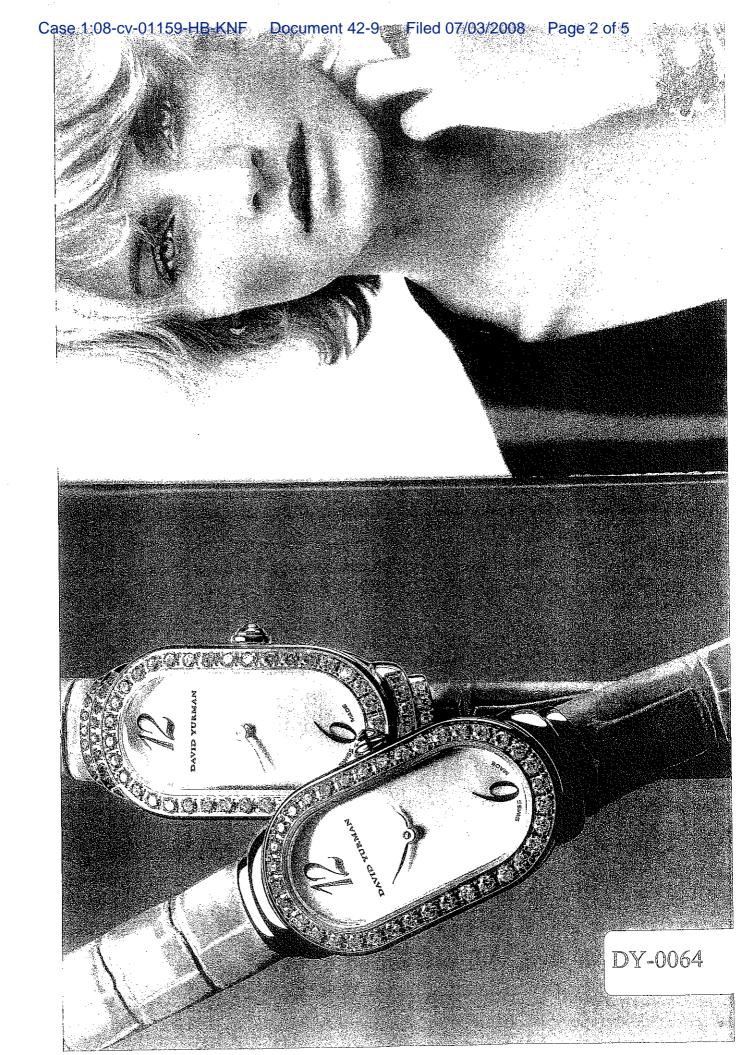


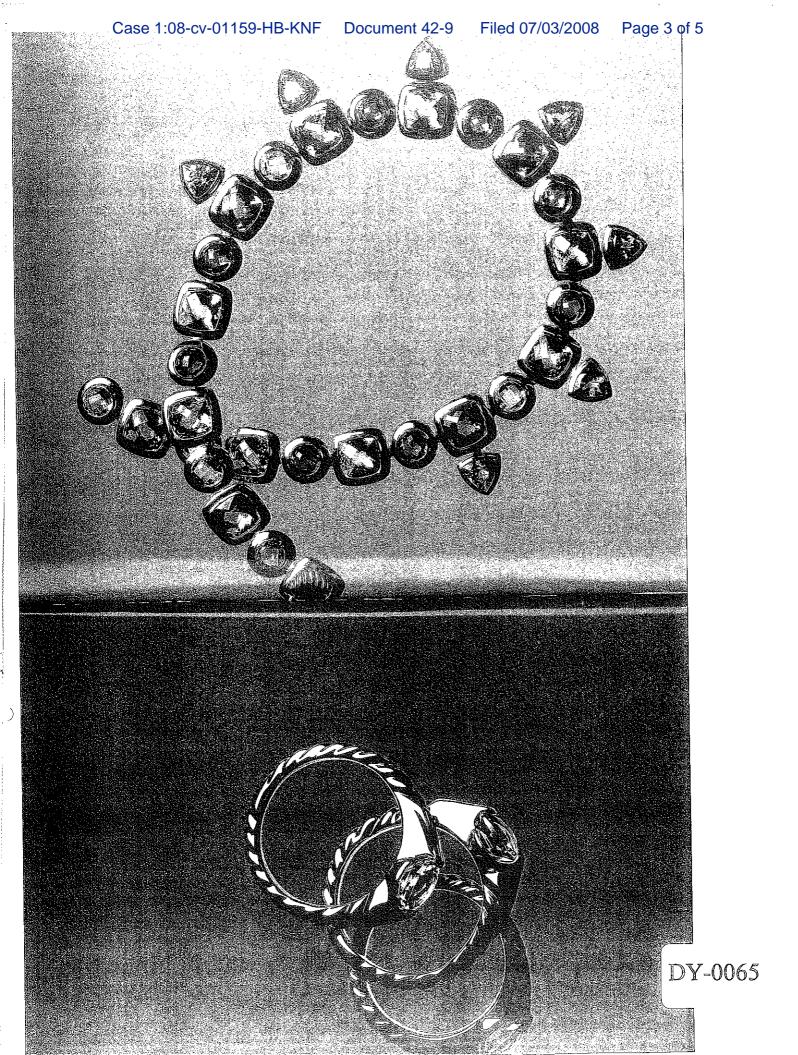


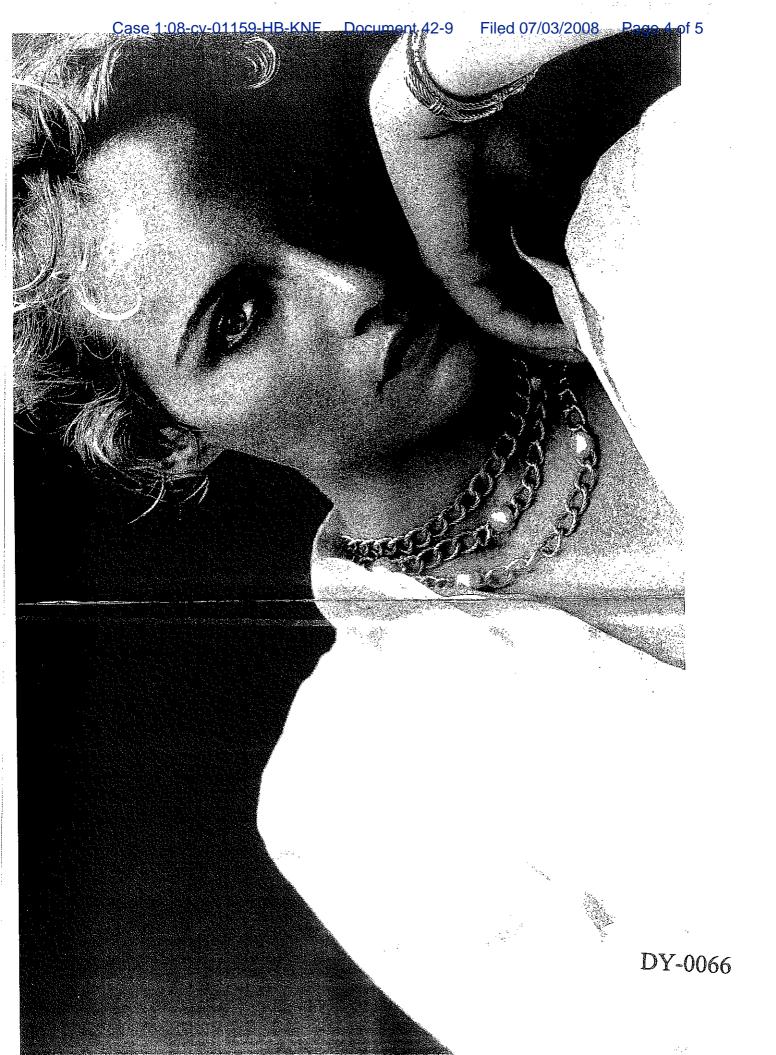


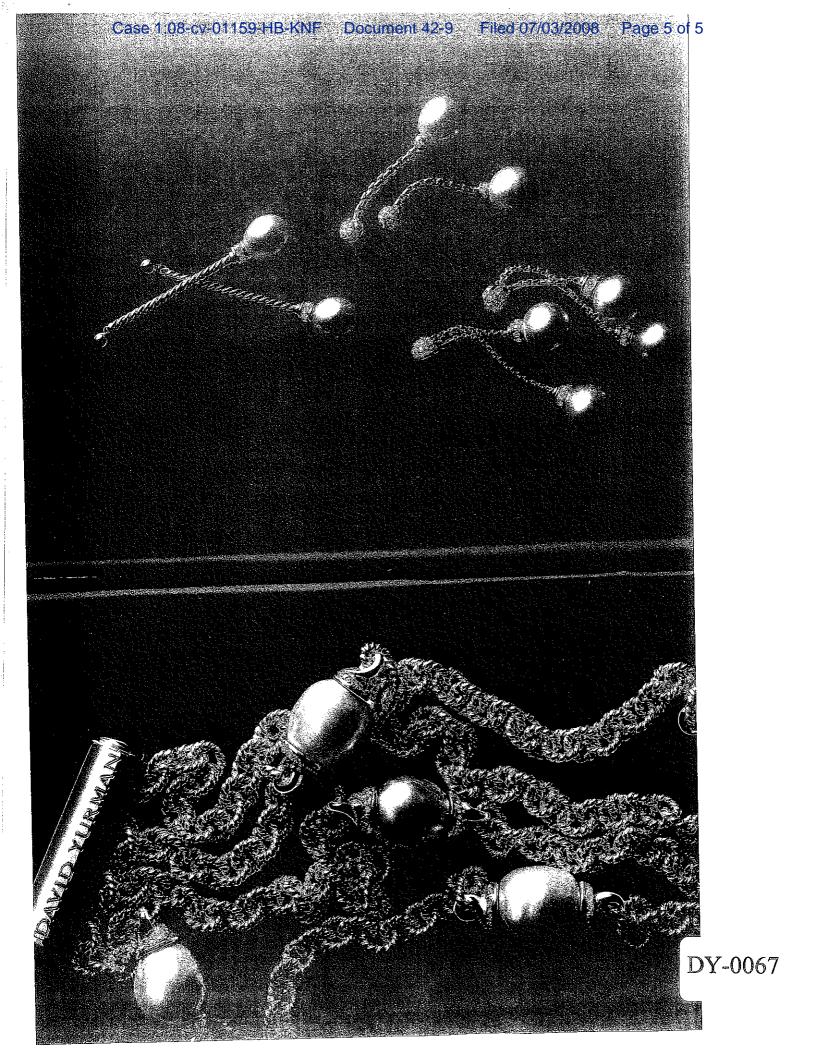


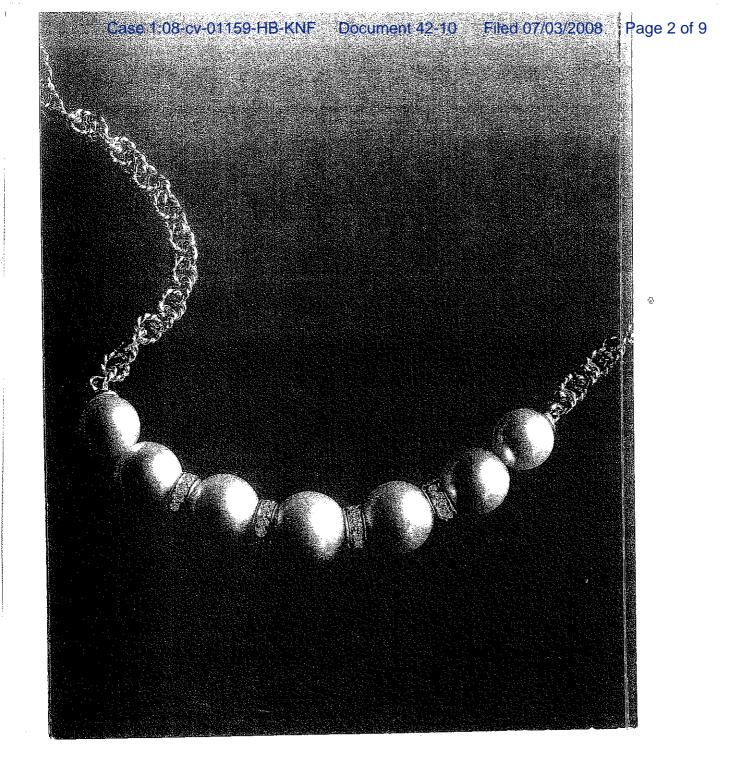






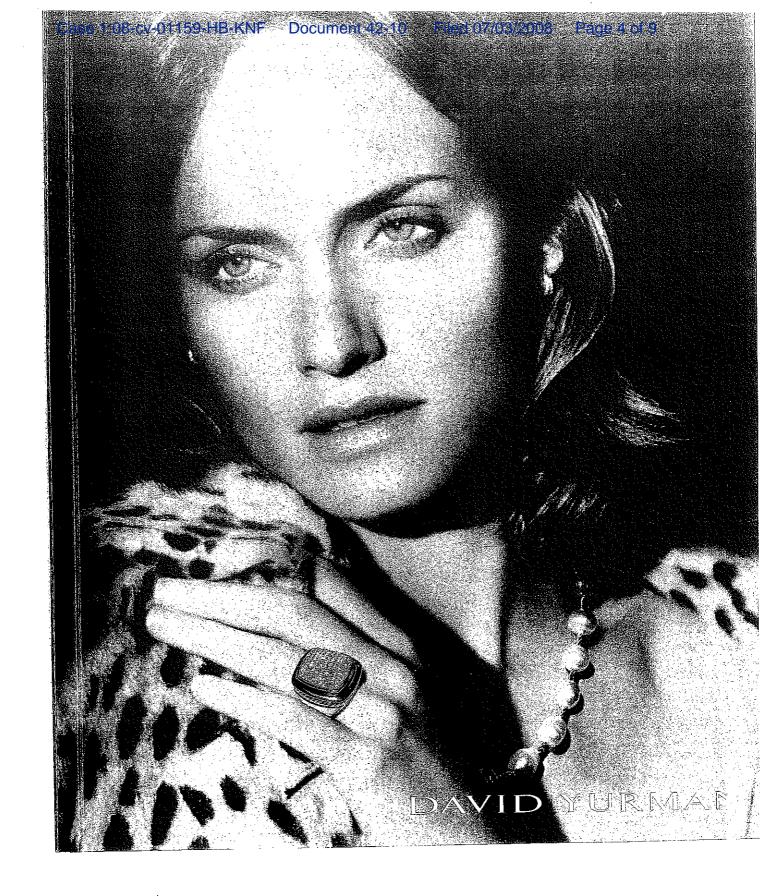






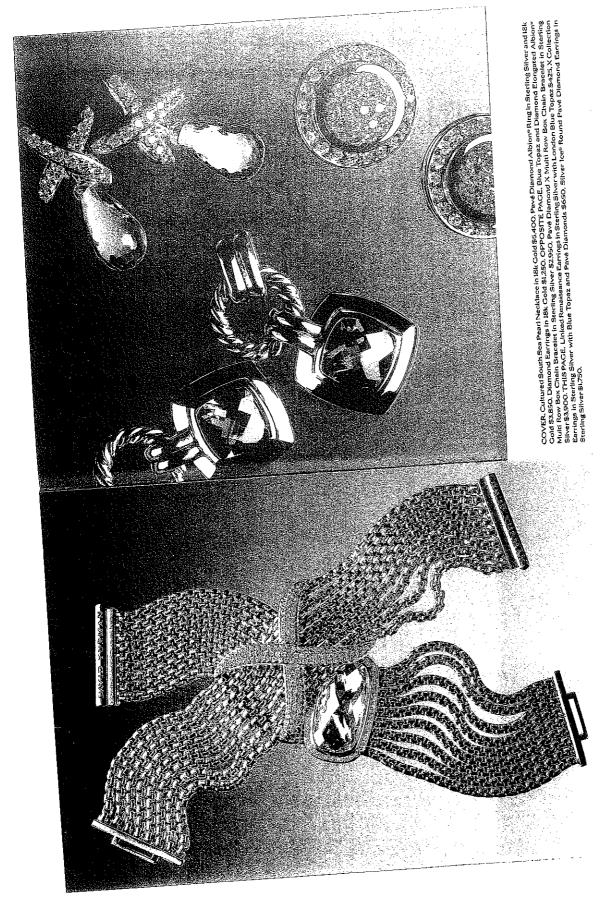


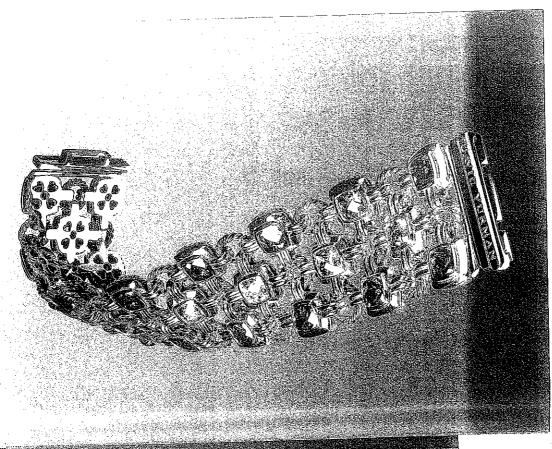
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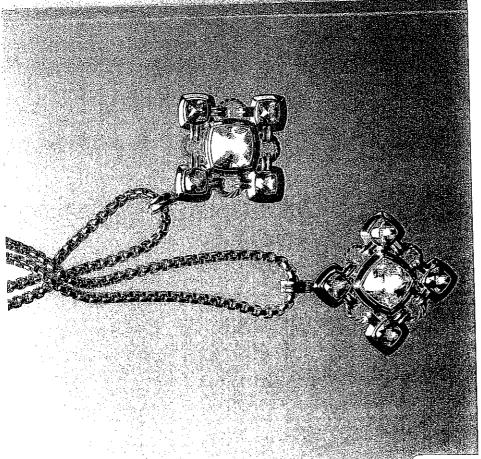


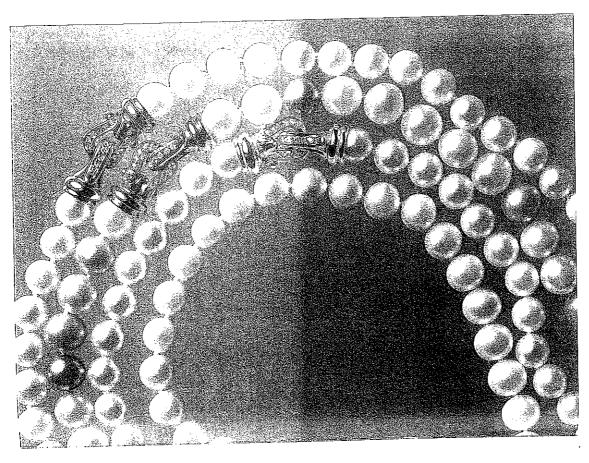
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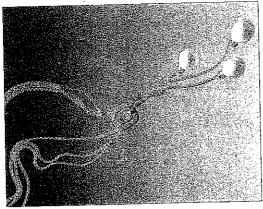
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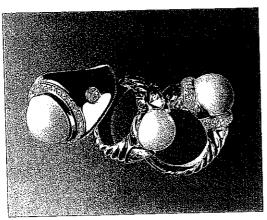


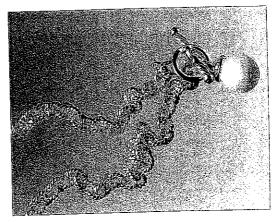


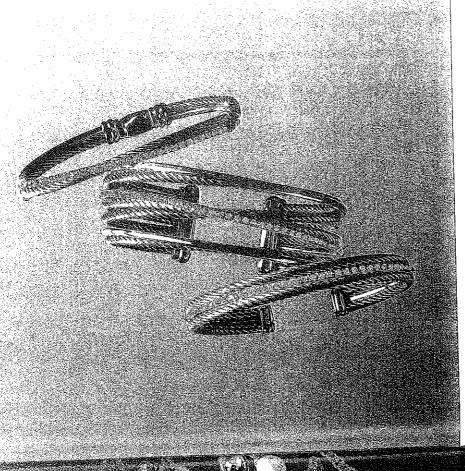






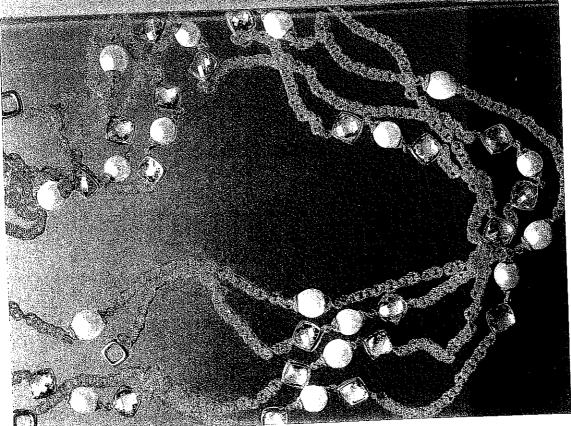




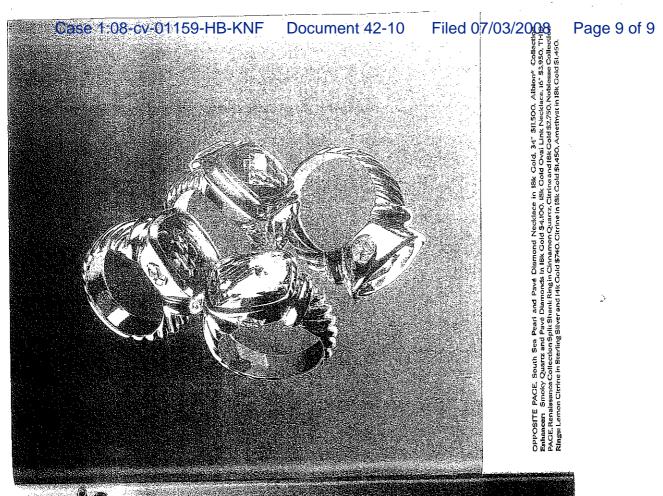


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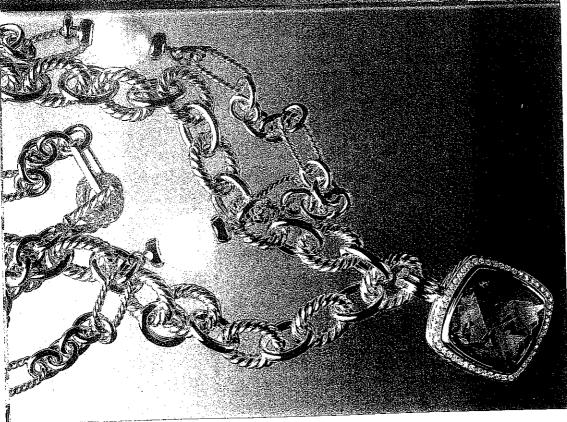
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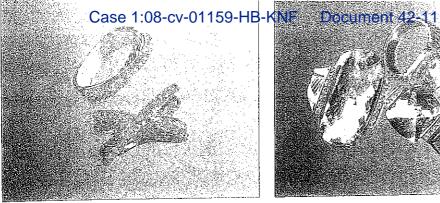


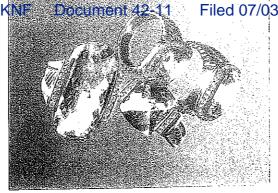
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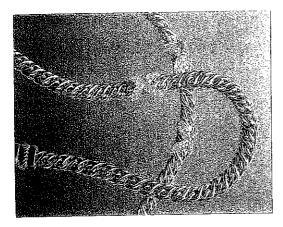


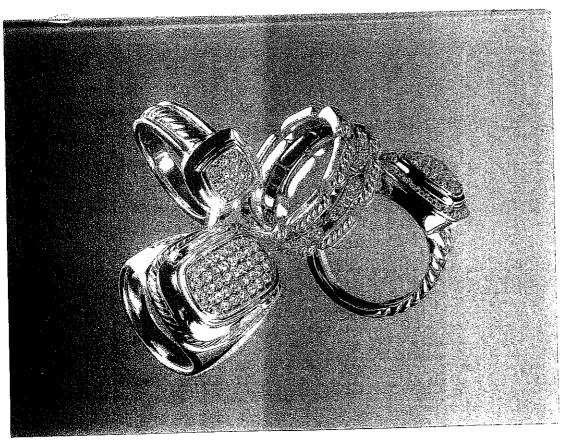


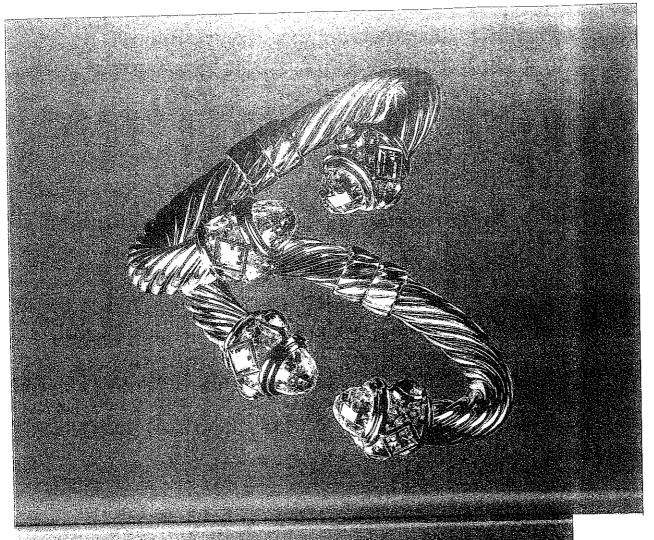


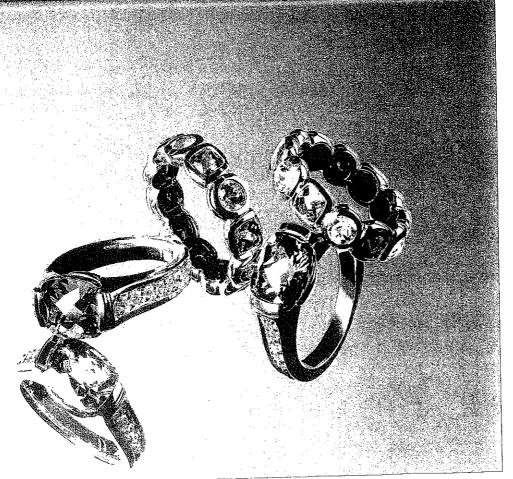






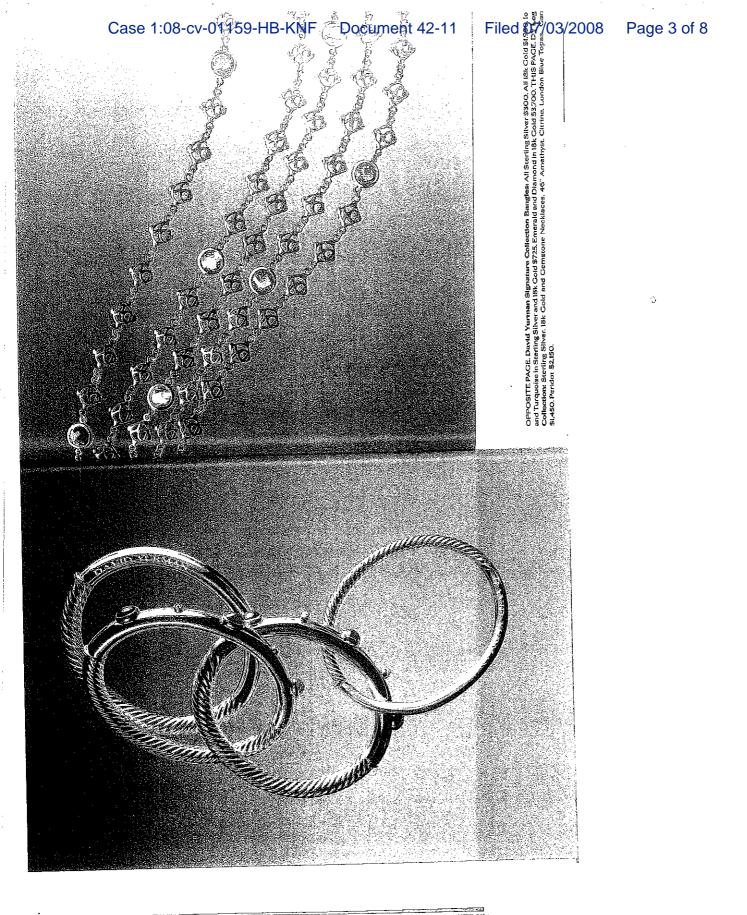


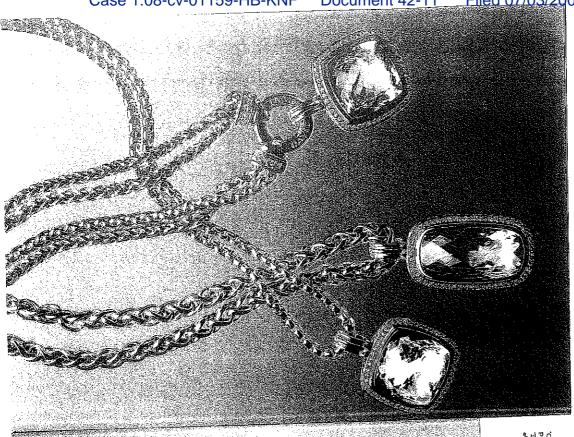


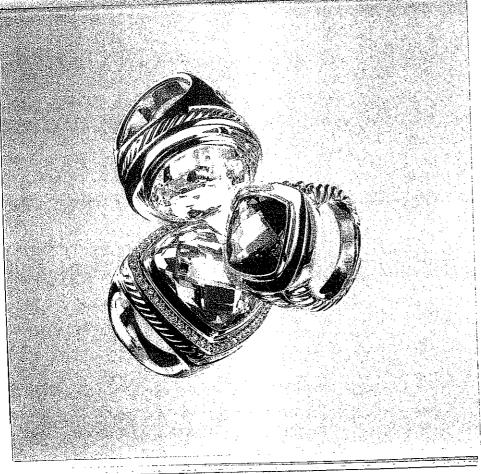


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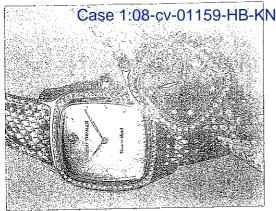


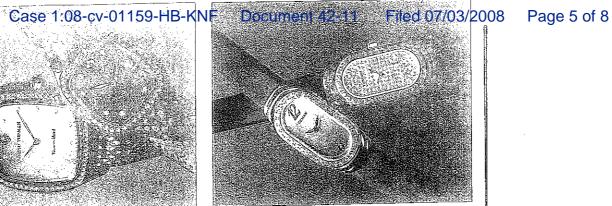


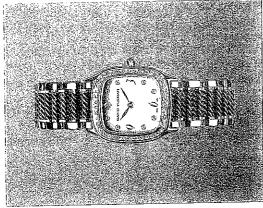


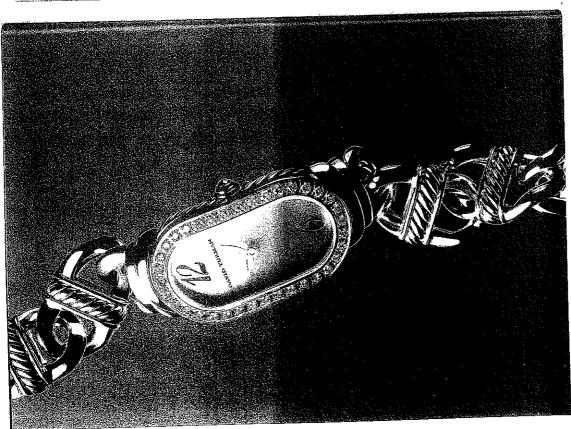
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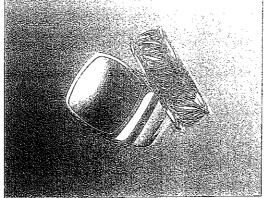


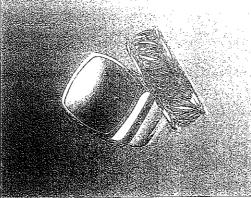


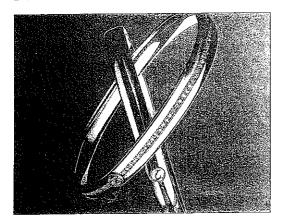
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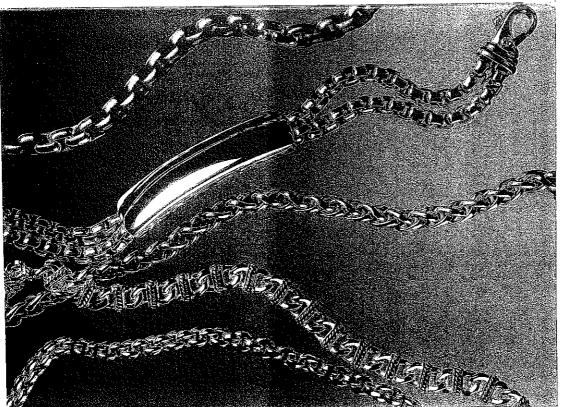














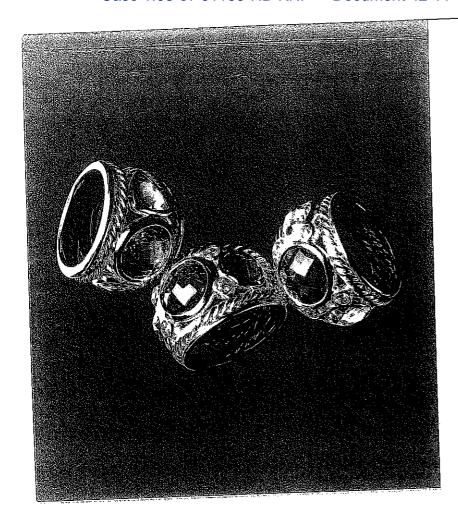


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EVENTS

Wardrobe advice -- Saturday 12 to 4, Roberto's in the Galleria, featuring Tumi.

BCBG informal modeling -- Saturday 10 to 2, BCBG Max Azria in the Galleria.

Anti-aging seminar -- Monday 7 to 9 p.m., The Hotel Intercontinental in Addison, presented by spa owner and aesthetician Renee Rouleau and featuring guest speakers: Ms. Rouleau will demonstrate corrective skin peels, Dr. Scott Harris will give a presentation on cosmetic surgery, and Dr. Lois Vanderhoof, a nutritionist, will discuss foods and aging. For reservations, call 972-248-6131.

Bobbi Brown makeup consultations -- Tuesday 11 to 5, Neiman Marcus NorthPark, featuring national makeup artist Jillian Beran demonstrating products in the Bobbi Brown line, in Cosmetics. For an appointment, call 214-363-8311, ext. 2102.

TRUNK SHOWS

Antonini, Seidengang -- Wednesday 10 to 6, Saks Fifth Avenue in the Galleria, in Jewelry.

Donald J. Pliner -- Wednesday 10 to 6, Stanley Eisenman's Fine Shoes Hulen in Fort Worth.

Regalia -- Wednesday 10 to 6 by appointment, The Bridal Salon at Stanley Korshak in The Crescent, featuring veils. To reserve a time, call 214-871-3611.

Ferragamo -- Thursday through Saturday 10 to 6, Saks Fifth Avenue in the Galleria, in Ladies Shoes.

14-karat Azarite -- Thursday 10 to 6, Lester Melnick Fort Worth, featuring 14k and azarite jewelry. The show continues at the Preston-Royal store Friday and Saturday from 10 to 6.

David Yurman -- Saturday 10 to 6, Saks Fifth Avenue in the Galleria, featuring the Silver Ice and Quadrafoil collections, in Jewelry.

John Hardy, David Yurman -- Saturday 10 to 6, Neiman Marcus NorthPark, in Men's Furnishings.

Michael Simon -- Saturday noon to 4, Accente in the Galleria, featuring novelty knitwear.

Ognibene Zendman -- Tuesday 10 to 4, Neiman Marcus downtown, in Fine Apparel.

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What's more Southern than gardening and antiquing?

That rhetorical question posed by Laura Pitts sparked A Southern Celebration, the theme for the 18th annual Birmingham Antiques and Garden Show presented by Junior League of Birmingham.

In a setting with four different gardens, the antiques show will bring 70 dealers to Birmingham so that you may go antiquing all over the country without traveling farther than the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. The show runs Friday through Sunday.

Co-chairs Laura Williams. Suzanne Boozer and Laura Pitts will trace Southern traditions back in time, sometimes back to English roots, in garden terminology. Two English designers giving lectures will be Nina Campbell and Stephen Woodhams.

Not neglected is famed Southern hospitality and love of entertaining. A gala preview party Thursday night will be set in the distinctly Southern city of New Orleans. Preview party chairs Leigh Ann Phillips and Allison Bryant plan a jazzy night in New Orleans with authentic Louisiana cuisine.

The preview party will have a silent auction for rarely found items, including a 1962 E Type Jaguar and a complete Kentucky horse race package, with tours of leading horse farms.

A two-year lease on a 2000 Lexus 300 ES, two bronze sculptures by Frank Fleming, an antebellum playhouse, artwork by Dick Jemison, David Yurman silver ice necklace and a bench and footstool in a fabric designed by Nicole Miller especially for the 1999 Birmingham Antiques and Garden Show are featured in the auction. If you're the high bidder, Nall will draw a pencil portrait in person following the auction.

Preceding the preview party will be a Patrons Club reception and a Men's Committee reception. The Men's Committee chairs are Laurie Hereford, Nancy Faulkner and Lorraine Tutwiler. Interspersed among lectures and workshops are other social events - the sustainer luncheon on Thursday and jazz brunch on Sunday. You may lunch in the Red Diamond garden tea room during the show.

Other Junior League members on the committee are Ann Day Hunt, Gisel Cooper, Staci Thompson, Cathy Thomas, Lane DeWine, Cricket Justice, Laura Cope, Lynn Johnson, Teresa Pulliam, Beeland Voellinger, Amy Nunneley, Amy Tully, Kittie Buchanan, Sally Price, Robin Wetzel, Kay Teschner, Tracy White, Val Holman, Leigh Bromberg, Lisa Lewis, Mary Lucas, Jane Estes, Tracy Sundsted, Brooke Coleman, Francie Deaton, Amy McCain, Jeannie Edwards, Lindsey Gaston, Karen Luce, Kate Phillips, Deedee Moore, Bridgette Lavette, Rebecca Jones, Joy Boozer, Kitty Lovelady, Susan Edwards, Susie Abbott, Beth Glisson, Susan Guilsher, Missy Hale, Lisa Holt, Lil Petrusnek, Charlotte Preston, Meg Richards, Brooke Sanders, Teace Sanders, Drea Somerville, Susan Tucker, Sarah

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Wilensky and Karen Hollyday. Sustainer advisors are Nina Crumbaugh, Kathy Emison, Suzanne Graham, Sarah Neal, Kim Rogers and Winn Shannon.

The antiques show has raised about \$2 million to support the Junior League's community projects. This year, the Junior League has budgeted more than \$350,000 to community programs. Its members will give 50,000 volunteer hours. One of 32 worthwhile programs is Fun for the Family, a partnership with the YWCA Family Violence Center. Children subjected to domestic violence often need help learning to play again. Through Fun for the Family, volunteers assist parents and children with activities, such as nature hunts, making music and bedtime stories.

Caroline Bolvig is president of the Junior League of Birmingham.

Beaujolais Nouveau Excitement reigns in the world of wine - and at the Alabama Kidney Foundation - as the French celebration that marks the release of the new Beaujolais wine for the year approaches. The Alabama Kidney Foundation's annual wine tasting will be Friday at the Donnelly House.

The wine tasting will feature the new beaujolais, along with other wines. Guests will also sample hors d'oeuvres from Kathy G and listen to jazz by Jothan Callins. A collector's football print will be raffled to celebrate the Auburn-Alabama game the next day.

Planning the event are Eloyd Gooden, Margaret Tresler, J.R. Tamarapalli, Robert Fields, Earl and DeLoris Donegan, David Warnock, Jessie Bean, Yolanda Chambers, Kim Crosby, Denise Folkerts, Mike Frederick, Timmi Griswold, Deborah Grimes, Margaret Hughes, Mike Hurst, Alice Kicker, Judy Loo, Barry Nabors, Gary Parisher, Stephanie Peters, Mary Pugh, Ann Rayburn, Alice Schulz, Lori Stamper, Alton Woodard, Gloria Woodard and Rod Woodford, Sponsor is WyethAyerst. The Alabama Kidney Foundation serves more than 7,000 kidney disease patients through advocacy, direct assistance and research. The foundation is active in public, patient and physician education on organ donation. Preview the plans With architectural plans draping the tables, wheelbarrows holding the iced beverages, and hard hats and hammers scattered among platters of food, volunteers and donors to the Emmet O'Neal Library's building program were feted at Preview the Plans Party. Patsy Dreher, chair of the marketing committee, planned the evening along with Pat Forman, Linda Vann and Ginger Clark. Holman Head is chairman of the Mountain Brook Library Foundation and Ellen Friend Elsas is chairing the Building Committee.

Attending the preview the plans party were Libby O'Neal Shannon and Jack, Ann and Jim Hayes, Tom and Dale Carruthers, Mountain Brook City Council president Bill Grayson and Betty, Margaret Porter, Francis and Paula Crockard and Joe and Forsyth Donald.

Some others were Eve and Gary London, Bob Luckie, Donald and Shirley Salloway Kahn, Ruffner and Penny Page, Jim and Henrietta Emack, Wyatt and Susan Haskell and Wilmer and Elizabeth Poynor.

From the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham were Mimi Tynes and Carey Hinds. Russ Hale and Joe Ellis from the architectural firm, HKW Associates, came. From Brasfield & Gorrie were John Darnall, Steve Haney and Andrew Edwards.

Also previewing the plans were Lee and Jimmy Gewin, Charlie Haines, David and Kitty White, Craft O'Neal, Cindy and Peyton Bibb, Bill Tynes, Mary Jane and Steve Graham, Debby McCullough, Arthur and Ashley Smith, Linda and Bobby Vann, Linda and Jim Powell and Malleye Behr.

Others included Leslie McLeod, Sandy Thomasson, Sue Anne Cole, Tracey Anderson, Library director Sue Murrell, Susan Nading, Julie Goyer and Robert Aland.

During the 14-month construction period, the library will be housed on the upper level of Brookwood Mall just outside McRae's. The library is selling commemorative T-shirts of the old library to raise funds for the construction. T-shirts are \$20 each (with \$10 taxdeductible).

Humanitarian Award Honored with the 1999 Humanitarian Award from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America were Brenda and Morris Hackney and Tommy Donald, who attended with Anna Donald. They were recognized at the Alabama Chapter's 10th annual Cornucopia Ball at Hoover Country Club.

Also recognized were the former Humanitarian Award recipients in attendance. The Cornucopia Ball has honored Sallie Creel, Helen Crow Mills, Frances Cypress and the late Conrad Cypress, Benjamin and Frances David, Charles O. Elson, Arthur Freeman Jr., Marshall Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holcombe, Marie Ingalls, Raymond Tobias and Dewey White Jr.

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The annual ball raises funds for support and education programs and for research. The Foundation is dedicated to improving the life for persons with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, which are chronic digestive disorders.

Some attending the ball were Rachel and Richard Booth, Vicki and Anthony Ross, Mary and John Coleman, Chip and Karen Arn, Brian and Pam Devine, Jo and Carney Dobbs, Findley and Shep Townsend, Courtney Donald, Grier Donald, Kelli Eldredge, Ray and Mindy Estep, Frank and Karle Falkenburg, Janet Harris, Jerry and Ginger Held, Bill and Sarah Housh, Deboria Hunter, Bill Moran, Stuart and Marion Nixon, Eric and Stephanie Sanders, Rick, Leigh and Ashley Smith, Kathryn Rowan, Pat Talty, Tom Talty, Janet Harris, Michele Slay and Barbara Traylor.

Decorated with tulips UAB President Ann Reynolds and husband Tom Kirschbaum held a reception at Woodward House to honor Shirley Salloway Kahn for her appointment as vice president for development and external relations.

The president's home was decorated with Shirley's favorite flowers, tulips, in beautiful silver vases. Pianist Denise George and flutist Janice Nichols played throughout the evening.

Sharing the evening with Shirley were her husband Donald Kahn, her parents, Margaret and M.H. Salloway, her brother Ronnie Salloway with Karen from Sylacauga.

Past UAB presidents Dick Hill and Janet and Scotty McCallum with Alice congratulated their longtime friend. Also celebrating the appointment were Judy and Hal Abroms, Najwa Bateh, Martha Warren Bidez, Sheila and Clarence Blair, Pauline Ireland Carroll, Katrina and Larry Chamblee, Patsy and Charles Collat, Sallie and John Creel, Cameron and Derrill Crowe, Stewart Dansby, Sara Lynn and Fox deFuniak, Ed Dixon, Nancy Dunlap and Johnny Johns, Bill Edmonds, Marilyn and John Elmore, Ruth and Marvin Engel, Joe Farley, Della Fancher, Sara and Wayne Finley, Eddie Friend, Renitta and Jay Goldman, Betty Goldstein, Billie Grace and Henry Goodrich and Mike Goodrich.

And more were Jim Gorrie, Miller Gorrie, Troy Haas, Bill Harbert, Wyatt Haskell, Kirsten and John Hicks, Mary Lou and Raymond Ideker, Marie Ingalls, Ken Jackson, Rose and Jimmy Lee, Karen and Keith Lloyd, Debbie Long, Jill and Robert Luckie, Ocllo and Wallace Malone, Susan Matlock and Mike Calvert, Sarah and Jay McDonald, Ann McMillan, Ricky Miskelley, Gene Newport, Carol and John Odess, Jim Pittman, Margaret and Kip Porter, Charles Robinson, Merle and Paul Salter, Elton Stephens, trustee Cleo Thomas Jr., Glenda and Tom Thompson, Rae and Steve Trimmier, Lee Tucker, Sherri and Pete Van Pelt, Pam and Ed Varner, Frances Verstandig, Cameron Vowell, Mike Warren Jr., and Alice and Tom Williams.

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Stones are on a roll as one of fall's hottest jewelry trends. Turquoise, onyx, amber and other precious and semiprecious stones in a rainbow of colors are showing up in necklaces, earrings, bracelets and pendants.

But they're not the only stars of the season. Faceted crystal, cut glass, iridescent pearls and beads of all varieties are countering dreary autumn days with glitter, glimmer, shimmer and shine.

They're also a great complement to the colorful, dramatic clothes of the season, a welcomed about-face after years of understated, borderline-boring jewelry.

"For a while there was nothing," says Judy Bailey, owner of Soho Sewickley, 408 Beaver St., which carries an array of jewelry accessories. "Now you're seeing a lot of larger pieces as far as necklaces are concerned with stones, pearls. And one isn't enough if you're doing bracelets. You pile them up. It makes a statement."

Making one of the strongest statements right now are power beads, also called karma beads. They're bracelets of about 20 beads, bound by elastic. Some are plastic, some wooden, but they come in various colors that represent concepts such as peace, love and happiness. Worn three or more at a time, they range from \$ 6 to more than \$ 20 and can be found at Kaufmann's, Lazarus, Claire's boutiques and some specialty stores.

A spin-off is a millennium bracelet by Stella Pace. It's made of clear rock crystal and etched with symbols of wealth, long life and happiness. Each bracelet comes in a container that resembles a petri dish and is available locally at Cheryl W, 5817 Forbes Ave., Squirrel Hill for \$45.

"The jewelry now is really fun," says owner Cheryl Weissberg. "It's different than it was six months ago. Jewelry hadn't changed for quite a while, now it's definitely changing. It's getting colorful."

And dazzling stones are a huge part of the color cornucopia. Charlie Wharton, an owner of North Carolina-based Starfire Designs, recently presented a breathtaking array of stone jewelry at a trunk show at Ruth Young. The store, in Shadyside Village on South Aiken, is the city's exclusive vendor of Starfire jewelry, which adorns celebrities such as Betty White and Crystal Gayle.

The precious and semi-precious stones in his bracelets, necklaces, collars, pins and clip and pierced earrings were collected from across the globe, from purple Russian charite to striped Zimbabwe zebrastone. Then they are cut, polished and set in sterling silver, yellow gold or white gold. The stones are as exciting to talk about as they are to look at: green jade from the Orient, black onyx from Mexico, pink-red marbled rhodochrosite from Congo, golden pyrite from Peru, lime citrine from Brazil, mesmerizing turquoise from New Mexico, Arizona and China.

"My job is to create something new every season," says Wharton, who worked in retail fashion for Jockey International, Neiman Marcus and Macy's before starting Starfire a decade ago with his wife, Jean. "This is my therapy. When we first started out, my wife and I found that as we traveled to these stores, our niche was fashion. Women wanted beautiful color stones, well done and of high quality, with their clothing. That's where we shine the best."

Turquoise is making a huge comeback this season. Valued for millennia by Native Americans, the stone is considered a summer look. Designers expected it to surge last spring, but instead it has taken off for fall, looking great with winter stones and faceted garnets.

"Turquoise is something that has been around since 5000 B.C., and it has always had sort of a magical aura about it," says Lynn Ramsey, president of the New York-based Jewelry Information Center, a trade association. "It's been thought to bring good luck."

Silver, a complementary companion of turquoise, remains big this season. Pretty, hand-hammered custom silver jewelry by Robert Lee Morris is available at Contemporary Concepts in Turtle Creek and Allison Park, as well as chic silver-and-turquoise accessories by Arizona-born Navajo designer Ray Tracey. Judith Jack's sterling silver necklaces and pins enhanced by marcasite and black onyx hearken back to the Art Deco era (available at London Dock in Fox

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Chapel, Lintons in Squirrel Hill and Klafters in New Castle). And one-of-a-kind necklaces and bracelets of precious stones set in sterling by Arizona-based Mummy's Bundle are at Soho Sewickley.

New York designer Kenneth Jay Lane, in a stroke of convenience genius, added jeweled straps to a line of small handbags. The straps detach and double as necklaces. Of particular note is the model that has Swarovski crystals and baroque pearls. Find them at Rodeo Collection Ltd. shops in the Westin William Penn and Pittsburgh Hilton & Towers hotels.

But gold is not passe. Jewelers are still setting stones and jewels in white or yellow gold. Orr's, 5857 Forbes Ave., Squirrel Hill, has notable rings, bracelets and necklaces with multicolored inlaid stones on 14-carat yellow gold by Asch Grosbardt. David Yurman's dazzling "silver ice" collection, featuring sterling silver and 18-carat yellow gold in necklaces and bracelets, is also popular, says Jennifer Bametzrieder at Orr's.

Many women will find that they can put on some of the flashy jewelry they had put away in recent years.

"It's now, kind of, dig in your jewel box and get that stuff that was good 10 years ago," says Sewickley's Bailey. "And add to it."

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HIGHLIGHT: David Yurman, a jewelry designer, is opening 16,000 sq ft store in New York City, NY industry sources put sales at over \$350 mil/yr

David Yurman, a jewelry designer, is opening a two-floor, 16,000 sq ft store in New York City, NY, its first retail store, in 8/99. CEO David Yurman says that sales grew over 200% in the past year, and industry sources put sales at over \$350 mil/yr. Sales growth was prompted by increased advertising. Women's jewelry alone exceeded \$8 mil in 1998. The jewelry, known for its cable design, is sold in 415 doors in the US, with 80% of sales going to collectors, mainly 35-55 yr olds, although the 16-35-yr-old market produced sales growth, and accounted for 25% of customers. In 1999, Yurman will extend its watch and jewelry lines. Full text discusses product lines.

He's already an industry powerhouse, but David Yurman is just getting warmed up.

NEW YORK -- "We're not Kleenex or Xerox yet, but we are a recognized designer brand. Even the non-user knows what we are," quipped David Yurman.

A sweeping statement, to say the least, but one many in the industry would say is classic Yurman -- possessing a swagger that accurately conveys his unwavering belief in his company's point of view and potential.

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While conceding that the 21-year-old jewelry firm might not be as ubiquitous as Kleenex yet, one senses that Yurman sees that day in the not-too-distant future. And based on the company's recent performance and its plans for this year, it's no wonder.

In the last year alone, Yurman, chief executive officer, said the firm's business grew "over 200 percent," a figure that few, would consider less than stellar. In addition to new product, advertising, he confessed, was a significant factor in the surge.

"We advertised heavily, and I have to say that I now believe in it," Yurman said. While he declined to provide a volume, industry sources estimate the firm's annual sales are in excess of \$350 million.

Currently, David Yurman jewelry -- known for its cable design -- is sold in 415 U.S. doors, and he claims it is also one of the most productive brands in the business.

"Our sales per linear foot average \$50,000 to \$60,000 annually, and as high as \$150,000 in some locations," Yurman said. "Women's jewelry alone registered retail sales in excess of \$8 million last year."

Yurman noted that the gold segment, launched in 1982, now accounts for roughly 25 percent of the firm's volume.

"It's a success story that has been nothing short of astonishing," said Tim Braun, fine jewelry buyer at Neiman Marcus, referring to the gold collection that he buys for Neiman's main stores and the retailer's new Galleries units. "Since mid-1998, we have more than doubled our business in the gold line. The emphasis they have put on gold, both in marketing and restructuring the business, has been a major help. There is more organization now, and they have put more people in charge of operations and specific areas."

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Though the bulk of Yurman's sales are still in his classic sterling-silver cable and colored stone looks, Braun said the brand's potential is almost unlimited.

"There is still room to grow with Yurman," Braun stated. "We really believe that David can grow with new categories of merchandise. The past five years have elevated his presence among consumers. That will grow even more. We see the possibility of sterling silver and gold evolving further into plain gold and even platinum and gold. The customer already bought into [the concept] in casual with sterling silver, and now that customer has grown."

While Braun declined to say how Yurman's performance ranks among Neiman's vendors, he did say, "We've seen very successful growth with several of our vendors, and David Yurman surely ranks near the top in that list."

About 80 percent of David Yurman sales are to collectors, aged 35 to 55, who own five or more pieces, Yurman said. Recently, however, he said the company has noted a bump in sales to 16-to-35 year-olds. That segment now accounts for about 25 percent of the customer base, he said.

On tap for this year are product line extensions in both jewelry and watches, and the opening of the company's first retail store, at 729 Madison Avenue here, slated for this fall.

Yurman's popular "Silver Ice" collection, in sterling-silver cable and pave diamonds, is being expanded with "Blue Ice," featuring milky, blue chalcedony and diamonds, and "White Ice," in pearls and diamonds. Neiman Marcus has the exclusive rights to "Blue Ice" until August, when it will be rolled out nationwide.

The design of both lines illustrates how the company has streamlined its focus, from different colored stones per piece to a cleaner look with a single dominant color or stone. Consumers will now get the mix from piling on multiple pieces, creating built-in demand for additional purchases — every retailer's dream.

At the recent Basel Fair, Yurman launched its first full-fledged watch line. The company first offered a women's watch in a cable cuff style, in 1995.

Rather than a single item, the new line, called Thoroughbred, is for men and women and comes in about 23 styles and two sizes. The Swiss-made watches in stainless steel and sterling silver have leather or alligator straps or a cable link bracelet.

Retail prices range from \$1,800 to \$2,900. And the projection for the watch segment is bullish.

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"Within 18 months, we expect easily to have retail watch sales of \$15 million to \$20 million," said Yurman. "This is a bid for the brand. We really believe [watches] can deliver significant volume and have the ability to stand on their own."

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The first David Yurman store will occupy a 16,000-square-foot, two-floor space at the corner of Madison Avenue and East 64th Street. It's slated to open in August. Roughly half of the space is basement and the remaining square footage is divided between a street level space for jewelry and a mezzanine that may be used as a gallery or additional merchandise. Yurman, who has produced belts and a few leather goods over the years, said he is considering whether to try it again. The gallery level could be a testing ground.

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GIFT IDEAS FOR A SHOWER AND FOR MOTHER'S DAY

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- Q: I'm invited to a bridal shower luncheon in late spring. What suggestions do you have for the gift, and what should I wear?
- A: First, regarding your outfit. You're always fine with a pretty summery dress, of which there are many in pastel colors this season, as well as in white when it gets closer to summer. Pair the dress with fancy sandals, mules or low heels, plus a hat if you like.

If you feel more comfortable in pants, select a dressier pair, and add a jacket and lightweight sweater shell underneath. Remember, all eyes will be on the bride-to-be.

For the gift, you can never go wrong with a basic cookbook, such as the first volume of "The Silver Palate Cookbook" (Workman Publishing) or even the classic "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," by Julia Child (Random House).

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Or consider a subscription to some magazines for the home and hearth, a big clock for their kitchen wall, pretty soaps and monogrammed hand towels (ask about colors of one of their bathrooms), bottles of wine, or a gift certificate to a favorite restaurant.

Q: I want to give my mother-in-law something pretty to wear for Mother's Day but have no idea of her size.

A: A scarf always makes a safe gift. A beautiful Hermes scarf is timeless and combines colors so that your mother-in-law can use it with numerous outfits, says Karen Doll of Neiman Marcus.

Another idea is a piece of designer jewelry such as a bracelet or earrings by Stephen Dweck, who works with semi-precious stones, such as citrines, topaz and garnets and sets them in antique sterling or 18-karat gold. The items look undated and eye-catching. Also, consider David Yurman's jewelry, Doll says. He has introduced "silver ice," which mixes diamonds and sterling.

For a less expensive gift, consider David Linley's wooden designs, such as a doorstop and picture frame; the latter can be given with a picture of your family. Linley is the son of Princess Margaret.

If none of the above will please, there are always cosmetics, such as a nice powder, toiletries, bubble baths or nail polishes.

Many older women, however, find the best gift to be a beautiful card, a visit and the offer to run some errands.

Q: What's the current shape of wool pants for women?

A: Harlow pants have become popular at the more expensive level, says Tina Hodak, creative merchandising manager at Famous-Barr. This style has a flat front (no pleat), side zipper and full cut.

But don't think that's what you must wear, Hodak adds. Most pants are available in a variety of shapes, and you should buy what looks best for your figure. Many of the better sportswear designers show three styles of pants to go with a jacket for a suited look.

If you want to be really trendy for spring, try capri pants, which fall below the knee but not at the ankle. Capri pants are cut narrow, sometimes with a side button. Some manufacturers make their capris more akin to a pair of cut-off, cuffed, roomy khakis.

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BRACELETS TO DIE FOR & FASIONABLE

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Friends tease Kristin Kooyman that if she fell into deep water, she would sink.

And her mother Susan Kooyman could not save her.

The weight of the precious metals on the womens' arms would anchor them.

On dry land, however, their collections of designer bracelets have anchored their place in fashion.

"It's too hard to take them off and put them back on, so I shower with them. I sleep with them," said Susan Kooyman, whose addiction to silver was inherited from sister-in-law, Lisa Howa, who was armed in heavy metal before it was fashionable.

"But today the rule in fashion is how much metal can you lift," quipped Brian Criddle, a sales person at O.C. Tanner in downtown Salt Lake City. "We have a lot of sophisticated buyers who like the beefier look."

Kristin's weight in silver has increased steadily since Mom gave her her first silver bracelet designed by John Hardy and hand made in Bali. Three years -- and several special occasions later -- seven bold sterling silver John Hardy bracelets, plus a watch, are stacked three to four inches up her right arm.

Each link is unique.

"I took a photograph of the bracelets she already has so I don't buy another one with a duplicate weave," said Susan Kooyman, who too is near elbow deep in signature Hardy bracelets, David Yurman, New York City, and other artists. Some, including one Kristin designed, are two-toned.

"Many vendors are offering different styles in silver and gold and mixtures of the two so several metals can be worn together," Criddle said.

One such vendor is Chico's -- a national chain that set up shop in Crossroads Plaza, downtown Salt Lake City. A Chico specialty is affordable nickel-plated bracelets, cuffs, toggles and bangles -- in rope, nailhead, flower, and twotone designs.

Some are engraved -- such words of wisdom as soul, inspire, spirit, trust, faith, dream, hope, peace, love, eternity and imagine.

"Our jewelry is designed in-house to complement Chico's clothing," said store manager Linda Peterson. "We receive new jewelry daily, and some of our customers stop every day to add to their collection."

Jane Burns of Virginia is a collector.

While attending a Salt Lake trade show, she sought out Chico's to add to her collection of 15 or so bracelets she wears on each arm.

The reason?

"I am pro self-adornment," Burns admitted. "It is addictive, but harmless."

Except to your wallet -- from David Yurman's \$ 10,000 Silver Ice bracelets to the reasonable, \$ 20, at Chico's.

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GRAPHIC: Kristin, left, and Susan Kooyman make fashion statements with designer bracelets. Danny La/The Salt Lake Tribune

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AT TOP: Nickel-plated bracelets at Chico's in Salt Lake City start at about \$20.

ABOVE: Malika Mokadern of Chico's models Indian cuffs.

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SOME LATE IDEAS FOR THE PANICKY

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Present tense: If you're reading this section, you've either finished your shopping or you're panicked and in need of ideas for high-fashion gifts. We're presuming the latter, so we called on the fashion directors at Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom and Saks Fifth Avenue for suggestions.

Nancy Husted of Neiman Marcus recommends these items:

For your four-legged friend: A quilted black dog leash from Chanel, \$ 235.

For her:

- * Any Chanel accessory, such as a scarf, sunglasses, wallet or handbag, \$ 75 to \$ 1,900.
- * Prada accessories, including backpacks, \$ 450 to \$ 540, and leather bags, \$ 700 to \$ 1,200.
- * David Yurman Silver Ice jewelry with pave diamonds, \$ 495 to \$ 7,000.

For him:

- * Daniel Hanson gray cashmere robe, \$ 1,500.
- * Ermenigildo Zegna cotton pajamas, \$ 240.
- * Lora Piana cashmere scarf in various colors, \$ 290.
- * Borsalino black fedora, \$ 212.
- * Exotic skin leather belts, \$ 295 to \$ 315.

Here are the stylish picks of Darah Simper, Nordstrom fashion coordinator:

For him: Corneliania cashmere coat with placked front, black or chocolate brown, \$895.

For her:

- * Nordstrom brand cashmere wrap, black, ivory or brown, \$ 298, in Women's Accessories.
- * Yellow Box gray flannel platform flats with strap, \$ 19.95 in Brass Plum shoe department.
- * Cotton drawstring cargo pants by Mossimo, \$ 54, Brass Plum.
- * Dark denim straight leg jeans by Diesel Industry, \$ 98, Savvy Department.

Janie Harrington, Saks Fifth Avenue fashion director, suggests:

For her:

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- * Adrienne Landau's Mongolian lamb collar that attaches to a coat, sweater or suit lapels. It's 3 feet long, comes in black, silver gray or lavender and is \$ 125.
 - * Heart-shaped, leopard pattern sachet pillow for bed or sofa, \$ 30.
 - * A faux fur-trimmed umbrella, \$ 125, by La Maison de la Fausse Fourrure.

For him:

- * Brioni cashmere sport coat, \$ 3,000.
- * A gold and paisley patterned velvet vest by Marc Baxis, \$ 145.
- * Suspenders from the Saks Fifth Avenue collection, \$ 75, or from Trafalgar, \$ 140.

Keep on giving: If you receive gifts you don't need, there's an organization that can use them. Southglenn Mall once again is sponsoring the Late Christmas (TLC) and will be accepting gifts, gently used clothing and household items (no perishable food) from Saturday through Dec. 31. All items will be donated to the Salvation Army's Lambuth Transitional Center, which hosts families in need for up to six months. For more information, call (303) 795-0856.

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Fashion Week

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GUEST APPEARANCES

Author Annette Tapert - Wednesday 1 to 2 p.m., Neiman Marcus NorthPark, signing her new book, The Power of Glamour, in The Galleries.

Jewelry designer dian malouf - Thursday 10 to 6, Translations in Preston Center East, featuring a new collection with claret jaspers and golden citrines.

Jewelry designer Tiana - Thursday noon to 5, Bachendorf's Galleria, featuring the Dallas artist's pieces in 22k gold and platinum with diamonds and other stones. Also Friday noon to 5 at the new Bachendorf's Plaza at Preston Center store.

Jewelry designers Michele Quan and Robin Renzi - Friday and Saturday 10 to 6, Stanley Korshak in The Crescent, featuring their Me and Rojewelry, in Accessories.

FASHION EVENTS

Mehndi demonstration - Wednesday 1 to 3 p.m., Whole Foods Market, 7205 Skillman Ave., featuring Sandhya Sreema decorating hands with henna. Cost is \$ 10 for each side of the hand.

Cato store opening - Wednesday at Mockingbird Lane and Abrams Road, featuring girls' sizes 7 to 16 and women's junior, misses and plus sizes.

Aveda Lifestyle Workshop - Friday 6:30 p.m., Aveda Environmental Lifestyle Store in the Galleria, featuring Aveda cosmetic artist Khristopher O'Connor demonstrating fall and holiday makeup looks for both young and mature faces. Cost is \$ 25; for more information or to register, call (972) 991-9490.

Benefit fashion show - Friday beginning at 7 p.m., at The Gold Bar. "Some Where Over the Rainbow" fashion show at 9:30, featuring designs by Antonio Wingfield, Andrea Terry, and Amy Ganison with L'etoile Children's Apparel, Including entertainment and a silent auction. Cover charge, \$ 10, benefiting Booker T. Sparks School of Performing Arts.

Fashion show - Saturday 2 p.m., Macy's in the Galleria, featuring the I.N.C./International Concepts holiday collection. For reservations, call (972) 851-5095.

Fashion design exhibit - Monday 7 to 9 p.m., at the University of North Texas Union Gallery, 400 Avenue A in Denton. An opening reception for "Florence Malakar: Screen-printed Fabrics and Garments," a show of modern design based on ancient style, such as garments from Indian, Korean and Chinese cultures, and textile prints with religious, political and patriotic subjects. The exhibit continues thhrough Dec. 11. For more information, call the Union Art Center at (940) 565-3829. Sewing Guild meeting - Monday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Bell's Bernina, 103 N. Sixth St., Garland, sponsored by the Garland neighborhood group of the American Sewing Guild and featuring a presentation on "Hand Picked Zipper Application" by Barbara Hasley. For more information, call (972) 405-8432.

TRUNK SHOWS

Harlan - Thursday through Saturday 9:30 to 5, Delann's, 6828 Snider Plaza, featuring colorful, coordinated sportswear for spring '99 designed by Andrew Morgan for Harlan.

Violet & Favourbrook, Sanders & Sanders - Thursday 10 to 6, Tootsies in the Plaza at Preston Center, featuring romantic, embroidered linen and velvet, and pashmina separates.

Luciano Barbera - Thursday and Friday 10 to 6, Stanley Korshak in The Crescent, featuring spring '99 couture.

Ulla Maija - Thursday and Friday 10 to 6, The Bridal Salon at Stanley Korshak in The Crescent.

St. John - Thursday and Friday 10 to 4, Neiman Marcus NorthPark, featuring spring 1999 and cruise collections, with informal modeling from noon to 3, in the Couture Salon.

Crystal - Thursday through Saturday 10 to 6, Lester Melnick Preston Royal, featuring hand-woven novelty jackets for resort and spring.

Jeffery Roberts - Friday 11 to 6, Yerxa Jewelry in Preston Center, featuring "floating diamond" necklaces.

David Yurman - Friday 10 to 4, Neiman Marcus NorthPark, featuring the Silver Ice collection, in Designer Jewelry. Also on Saturday 10 to 3 at Neiman's Prestonwood.

Bally of Switzerland - Friday 1 to 7 p.m., Nordstrom in the Galleria, in Men's Shoes.

Oscar Heyman - Friday and Saturday 10 to 4, Neiman Marcus NorthPark, in Precious Jewels.

Blair Delmonico - Saturday 11 to 4, Nordstrom in the Galleria, featuring evening jewelry, in Fashion Jewelry.

Perlina - Saturday 11 to 4, Nordstrom in the Galleria, in Handbags.

Imperial, Alwand Vahan - Saturday 11 to 6, Yerxa Jewelry in Preston Center, featuring fashion pearls and French classic apparel.

Tadashi - Saturday 1 to 4, Nordstrom in the Galleria, in Gallery.

Kenneth Cole - Saturday 3 to 5, Nordstrom in the Galleria, in The Rail.

COMING UP

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UNT Fashion Design Alumni Career Day - Dec. 2, at the University of North Texas. The department invites alumni to participate in the event and in a fashion show. For more information, call Adele Marshall at (940) 369-7239 or (214) 943-6331.

CONTINUING

Lalique jewelry exhibit - Dallas Museum of Art, Ross Avenue and Harwood Street, featuring the Art Nouveau ornaments of Rene Lalique, through Jan. 10.

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Lunch will be a historic occasion

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Apparently, big-time award winners just can't say no to organizers of the Planned Parenthood of Dallas and Northeast Texas awards luncheon. Back in '96, Academy Award winner Tommy Lee Jones spoke at the gathering. Last January, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Frank McCourt (Angela's Ashes) was the featured guest. Now comes word that 1999 luncheon chairwoman Deborah Gunter has landed Pulitzer Prize winner Doris Kearns Goodwin to give the keynote address at the January event.

If you've watched any PBS documentary, whether on baseball or LBJ, chances are you've seen Ms. Goodwin giving the historical perspective. The Harvard Ph.D. won her Pulitzer for the book No Ordinary Time, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front During World War II.

Also at the luncheon, longtime Planned Parenthood supporter Margaret Hunt Hill will receive the organization's Gertrude Shelburne Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Back to Bush league

Former President George Bush is not a man to forget a commitment, especially to Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. With his schedule, it may take him a few years to fulfill it. But if he said he'd be there, you can take it to the bank.

Three years ago, Mr. Bush was supposed to appear with his wife at Dallas' annual Conversation With a Living Legend luncheon benefit for M.D. Anderson. When Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated, however, he had to let Barbara Bush come to Dallas solo while he flew to the Middle East for the funeral.

Fort Worth social mover Kit Moncrief phones to say that Mr. Bush has committed to be the guest of honor at the 1999 Conversation With a Living Legend luncheon next fall. The Houston-based former chief executive will make a nice bookend to the luncheon's series of Gulf War principals.

On Tuesday, Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be the feature attraction at the '98 Living Legend luncheon (which Ms. Moncrief is chairing). Two years ago, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf was the living legend and two years before that it was former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Playboy search in Dallas

As the end of Moral Decay Month in America nears, it should be noted that Playboy magazine is halfway through its cross-country trek to uncover (literally) the Playmate of the Millennium. On Monday, the Playboy researchers hit Dallas, where they will set up camp at the Westin Galleria and start interviewing Playmate wannabes.

In its unabashed capitalistic way, the magazine is offering the key incentive to help your morals decay: lots of money. Instead of the customary \$ 25,000 Playmate of the Month modeling fee, the January 2000 playmate will get a whopping \$ 200,000. Scratch like that can buy a lot of tanning sessions.

If you don't get picked as the one, don't despair. They're also searching for Playmate of the Month models. "Dallas is our 25th city," says Playboy's special projects publicist, Karen Ring Borgstrom. "So far, we've seen about 8,000 women. We expect to see 14,000 by the time we're done."

Want to go for the \$ 200,000 brass ring? Make an appointment by calling the Playboy folks Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (not a day before, not a day after) at the Westin Galleria at (972) 934-9494 and ask for the Playboy suite.

Ticket to ride

Neiman Marcus has assembled a dream trip to New York worth \$ 65,000 to be given away at next month's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's National Awards Luncheon.

Komen is selling \$ 200 chance tickets for the package, which includes a day of beauty with superstar hairdresser Frederic Fekkai (former client, Hillary Rodham Clinton), an evening gown from Michael Casey, custom-made shoes from Manolo Blahnik, dinner at Matthews, bracelet and earrings from David Yurman's Silver Ice collection, intimate apparel from La Perla, a year's worth of hosiery (365 pairs) from Donna Karan, a suit from Carolina Herrera, an alligator Gucci handbag, his and hers Louis Vuitton duffel bags, a week at the Canyon Ranch Spa and on and on. Not bad loot for a \$ 200 investment.

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Spring 1998 brings out new pieces of jewelry shown in a variety of jewelry stores across the nation. Gioia is displaying new diamond and sapphire jewelry in its store on Park Ave, New York City, NY. Jewelrydesigner Martin Katz is well known among Hollywood celebrities.

From aquamarines to briolettes, the latest--and greatest--of the season's jewelry.

Great Gioia Gioia, the Italian word for both joy and jewel, is a fitting name for a new jewel box on Park Avenue. The store's big draw is a collection of one-of-a-kind diamond-and-sapphire pieces created in Paris exclusively for Gioia. "We are trying to return to the art jewelry of the 1920s -- not in terms of style, but in terms of individuality and spirit," says Pafaela Amini, the store's owner. Gioia will also feature the work of designer Pasquale Bruni. 485 Park Avenue, NYC; (212) 223-3146.

White Hot For years, the Savitt sisters of M+J Savitt--designers Janis and Michelle, with Wynne taking care of the business--have been creating simple, pretty jewelry, with pearls and colored stones, that women love to buy for themselves. Now, Janis has branched out on her own with a stunning collection of white-gold, platinum and diamond jewelry sold exclusively at Bergdorf Goodman. "I love this collection because these pieces are luxurious yet delicate and simple to wear, " she says. Dainty diamond hoops, bangles and single-stone

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necklaces are eminently wearable (and surprisingly affordable); other unique pieces include a long diamond necklace with a horizontal bar of diamonds hanging from it (\$2,000; right) and a diamond star necklace. Prices from \$550 to \$9,000.

Marine World "Jewelry just comes alive when an aquamarine is a part of it," says designer Chan Lim, one of many Jewelers who have been attracted to the vivid sky-blue stone this season. (The gem also can be found in the various colors of the ocean, from pale green to almost transparent with just a touch of blue.) "There is such personality in the color and the organic shape of the stone, " says Luu. "It's magical." (Also see "Blue Lagoon.")

Epic Jewelry "We have always been drawn to the images of ancient Greece and Rome" says Carol Seiden of the design team Seiden-Gang. "They have a sense of mystery and classic beauty that appeal to us." For the past twelve years, Seiden and her partner and best friend Carolyn Gang have created stunning jewelry of 18-karat "green" gold that tells, earring by earring, bits and pieces of classical myths. Now, in collaboration with jeweler Yves Karnioner, they've created the Odyssey Collection,

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earrings, rings, brooches and bracelets that feature mythological figures sculpted into the gold and accented with diamonds. The collection's signature brooch (\$4,060; see previous page) features a god granting wishes on the wings of an eagle. "Using ancient images in modern jewelry," says Gang, "has allowed us to link current style with the enduring legacy of the past." Available at Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Long Running Katz Martin Katz has become quite a celebrity in Hollywood --and he's never even been on-screen. His jewelry has, though, thanks to Hollywood's leading ladies, including Nicole Kidman and Sandra Bullock, who have borrowed his beautiful baubles to wear on such occasions as Oscar night. Katz's private showroom features antique jewelry (his favorite eras: Art De and Edwardian) as well as his own line of contemporary platinum-and-gemstone jewelry. Although most people know him through the celebrities who borrow his gems (since lending jewelry to Sharon Stone for the premiere of Sliver in 1993, he has outfitted dozens of film stars), it is his loyal (and not so famous) chentele that keeps his passion alive. "I'm thankful for

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the celebrity factor, but I really enjoy meeting the client -- any client -- and finding the piece of jewelry that is right for her, " says Katz. Stay tuned to the Oscars (March 23) -- you can be sure there will be some repeat Katz performances. (310) 276-7200. Drop Outs Briolettes--faceted, teardrop-shaped gemstones that dangle subtly from a piece of jewelry--have suddenly become a popular accent on earrings and necklaces. "They may look modern right now," says jewelry designer Mallary Marks, who loves to add briolettes to designs such as her "Boa" necklace, pictured at center (\$8,580; at Barneys New York and Ultimo), "but they are commonly found in antique and ethnic jewelry. In fact, the emphasis on ethnic/Indian jewelry in recent seasons has focused more attention on creating new jewelry with briolettes." Since briolettes are not set into metal, they float freely on jewelry, giving the pieces an organic feel. "I love them, " adds Marks, "because they make anything look new and different." The Clasp Concept "This is a new way of looking at jewelry, " says designer Teresa Katz

of Studio Karu, an

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innovative new jewelry collection featuring eye-catching clasps made from high-quality stones (citrines, aquamarines, peridots, amethysts and golden pearls, just to name a few) that can be worn alone as brooches--or latched onto corresponding necklaces, bracelets and even belts. Says Katz: "The clasp concept is a way of changing a piece of jewelry as your lifestyle changes." Prices from \$650 to \$8,600; at Saks Fifth Avenue. RELATED ARTICLE: Cable Ready David Yurman collectors, take note. There's a new addition to his trademark Cable Collection: Silver Ice, eighteen pieces (including bracelets, necklaces, earrings, pendants, rings ad watches) made in sterling silver with diamonds set in 18-karat gold. "This is day-to-night jewelry, " says Yurman, who created the line for his wife Sybil, who wanted something she'd be comfortable wearing "both in a swimming pool or at a black-tie affair." Prices from \$700 to \$7,000. Silver Ice will be sold exclusively at Neiman Marcus.

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Confident, but not spending; Retailers see little joy in sales numbers

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The ghost of Christmas past stole the show this holiday season, leaving retailers with lackluster sales results for the third year in a row.

"It was a great Christmas for shoppers, and a so-so Christmas for retailers. Instead of ho-ho-ho, it was ho-hum," said William Ford, chief economist for TeleCheck Services, which reported a 2.2 percent nationwide increase in retail sales during the monthlong spending spree that kicked off with the three-day Thanksgiving weekend.

Atlanta's 3.4 percent sales increase was one of the country's best, and Georgia, which posted a 2.9 percent increase, also outperformed the national average, according to TeleCheck figures.

Weak sales figures have been trickling in throughout the holiday blitz, which, for many retailers, accounts for up to one-third of annual sales and half of annual profits. In the final days before Christmas, many analysts and retailers began backing off earlier predictions for a bang-up holiday, with sales increases of up to 9 percent.

Most retail companies will report December sales results Jan. 8, and U.S. Department of Commerce figures, considered the final word, will be released in a couple of weeks.

Judging from the findings of TeleCheck and other major industry trackers, however, retailers will remember the season as the third bah-humbug holiday in as many years.

Ford, former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, said the industry shouldn't walk away with heavy losses because wholesale buying prices are lower than a year ago, allowing deep discounts on the sales floor without a huge impact on profit margins. In addition, a flat inflation rate in the retail sector means that the gains, though small, won't need a major adjustment to account for inflation, he said.

"All of the gain was real," Ford said.

TeleCheck's survey compared the dollar volume of checks written at more than 27,000 stores, the same base of stores used in last year's survey. Checks account for 37 percent of retail spending, according to TeleCheck, a subsidiary of First Data Corp.

The International Council of Shopping Centers reported a 2.3 percent sales gain, using its database of 49 malls across the United States. The survey measured sales at more than 2,500 stores, though it doesn't include department stores and other mall anchors.

Some of the biggest winners are thought to be upscale retailers, discounters and nontraditional holiday gift sellers, such as travel agents and spas.

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"It's that whole sort of move away from acquisition toward experiencing things," said Phil Kowalczyk of Atlantabased Kurt Salmon Associates, a retail consulting firm.

Spa Sydell, with four locations in Atlanta, saw a 50 percent spike in December business compared with last year, said Richard Harris, president of the 15-year-old Atlanta-based company.

Neiman Marcus also had sales that were above expectations, said spokeswoman Amy Doelling.

"The luxury items have been our biggest sellers," she said, pointing out that the David Yurman Silver Ice jewelry collection, with prices ranging from a \$ 900 bracelet to a \$ 7,000 watch, was quite a hit at the company's Lenox Square store.

Visa may end up with the best results. The credit company saw a 16 percent increase in holiday transactions, with customers ringing up nearly \$ 36 billion in retail sales during the period.

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Memories of gifts that sold at Xmas fast; Cold Mountain was hot, as were Ernie, Chaos

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Academy Sports and Outdoors, While Houston retailers are trying to figure out what went right and what went wrong with Christmas 1997, they're thanking their lucky stars for those best sellers that really made cash registers ring.

From Sing & Snore Ernie to the hit book Cold Mountain, there was something for every type of store - and shopper - to cheer about.

What follows is a list of some of the most wanted gifts from stores around town.

Academy Sports and Outdoors, Houston-based chain of sporting goods stores.

Beginner golf sets, especially the Delta Jr. All American Set for \$79, including bag.

Magellan Global Positioning System, hand-held navigator used for hunting and fishing, \$ 249.

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Brass Eagle Semi-Automatic Paintball Gun, \$ 94.99

Child's Play a toy store at 12506 Memorial Drive.

Nilo Table and Board, a playtable often used for toy train sets. Table costs \$ 199.99 and board is \$ 80 extra.

Fantasy Fish for \$ 24.99. A glass bowl with toy fish that "swim" under the power of magnets.

Chaos, a Rube Goldberg contraption that players construct and use to guide balls through a maze of obstacles. \$ 129.99

Beanie Babies, the craze lives on. \$ 6.

Foley's, Houston's home-grown department store chain.

Anything emblazoned with Winnie the Pooh, especially a fleece throw priced at \$ 12.99 with a \$ 50 purchase. A quick sell-out.

Sound Spa Deluxe by Homedics, \$ 49.99. An electronic device that makes a variety of relaxing sounds, such as an ocean wave, mountain stream or spring rain.

Aroma Sphere, also by Homedics, \$39.99. An aromatherapy diffuser able to fill a room with the scents of lavender, sage, lemon grass and other spices.

Fossil multi-function watches that display time, day, date and phase of the moon. \$ 85 to \$ 115.

Neiman Marcus, legendary Texas retailer with two upscale stores in Houston.

Jewelry by David Yurman, especially his Silver Ice Collection. Made with 18 carat gold, silver and diamonds, prices range from \$ 650 to \$ 3,000

River Oaks Book Store, one of the few independent booksellers left in Houston.

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier was a runaway favorite among fiction titles. Based on family stories passed down by the author's great-great-grandfather, Cold Mountain is the tale of a wounded soldier who walks home from the ravages of the Civil War. \$ 24.

Citizen Soldiers by Stephen E. Ambrose. This history of World War II captured the non-fiction readers. A grunt's-eye view of the European campaign to Germany's surrender in 1945. \$ 27.50.

The Texas Cowboys, a coffee-table book featuring the stories and images of more than 150 range riders. Writer Tom B. Saunders and photographer David Stoecklein spent four years tracking cowboys as they worked on ranches from dawn to dusk. \$ 60.

Saks Fifth Avenue, luxury retailer with opulent new location in The Galleria and a store at Town & Country Mall.

Cashmere sweaters, predominantly with Saks label. Prices range from \$ 150 to \$ 600.

Sharper Image, unique gift store that resembles a playground for adults.

Lunker Bass, an electronic fishing game that allows player to simulate the feel of casting, hooking and netting fish. Player must use a normal casting motion and the reel shakes when a fish "bites." \$ 30.

Emiglio, a little robot that carries a serving tray. Powered with a remote control, Emiglio also can pass along his owner's spoken comments. \$ 149.

Corby Digital Pants Press from England. Device lets owner insert pants and walk away. \$ 329.95.

Spec's Liquors, downtown warehouse is a cornucopia of good spirits.

Crown Royal gift pack with 750 milliliters of Canadian whiskey and two glasses. \$ 17.74.

Red and white wines bottled to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of vintner Louis Latour. \$ 9.99 per bottle.

Half-pound of Godiva Chocolates in Christmas wrap. \$ 20.

Beer gift box packaging 20 imported and micro-brew beers, \$ 29.95.

Target, general merchandise discounter.

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The hottest toy of 1997, Sing & Snore Ernie, was a best seller at Target, too. At 29.99, stocks were depleted early, and numerous shoppers called daily to see if new shipments had arrived.

Sony Playstation, a video-game station that offers players 360-degree movement and 3-D perspective. \$ 149.99.

George Foreman Grill. Nothing motivates Target shoppers to go out and grill some meat quite like an endorsement from Houston's own prizefighter. The electric table-top grill sells for \$ 59.99.

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We're making our list

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Dear Santa: I've been so very good this year, you just wouldn't believe it. I've been sweet and polite to everyone - including squeegie guys, the state trooper who gave me a ticket and my mother. I've mentored and volunteered. I've kept my room clean. I haven't eat a piece of chocolate since July. Can't you see your way clear to tucking one of these into my stocking?

Christmas presence

One of today's most imitated jewelry designers, David Yurman, has taken his mixed-media pieces to new heights of luxury with his Silver Ice collection, made of silver, 18 karat gold and diamonds. Prices for pieces in the collection range from \$600 to \$6,000. At Neiman Marcus stores. (Like I told you, Santa, I was really good this year.)

Bouquet de Parfums Fiori are tiny, smoked-glass flowers; in the corolla of each flower is a frosted-glass spray perfume (which is detachable). Nine different- colored Fiori contain the perfume of nine different flowers. Each flower is \$25; available at select Nordstrom stores or by calling (800) 365-3958.

Used to be, you wanted a radical haircut, you just had to do it and hope for the best. Now, the "Cosmopolitan Virtual Makeover CD-ROM" lets you try haircuts and colors, shaped eyebrows and lots of Cover Girl makeup, in cyberspace. The software works with a digital picture of you - or you can play around with sample heads provided; \$40, at software stores.

A sheer silk scarf covered in patterns made from intricate hand beading, in red, black or ivory; \$68, at Blooming-dale's, Short Hills.

The Faberge Parfum Imperial collection. As luxe as perfume gets, the crystal egg holds a two-ounce flacon of perfume; \$3,000. Pedestal bottles (not shown) start at \$750. At Neiman Marcus stores.

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Sparing no expense;

N.Y. shoppers spend big at tony boutiques

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NEW YORK - Spending a day browsing, much less buying, at the stores along Fifth Avenue is nothing more than a pipe dream for most Christmas shoppers.

But with the economy booming and the stock market healthy this holiday season, the rich are sparing no expense in the exclusive stores that line the legendary shopping avenue.

Customers are snatching up everything from \$185 sterling silver cuff links to \$30,000 alligator suitcases at the upscale Asprey boutique this Christmas season, said Victoria Knight, a spokeswoman for the New York store.

Other favorites include \$750 silver martini goblets, \$250 crystal vases and \$90 dice and card sets.

"Most of our customers are well-to-do people," Miss Knight said of the people hovered over the jewelry cases on the first floor of the shop. "They usually are not your average people walking down Fifth Avenue."

Sterling candlesticks, trays for tea services and antique serving sets are among the more popular choices for customers at the Fortunoff store.

"Men will buy coffee and tea services for their wives for anywhere from \$10,000 to \$25,000," said manager Michelle Amiel. "There are lots of people from all across the country stopping by."

All of this free-spending among the wealthier class comes during a holiday season when industry surveys say the average consumer will spend anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 total on gifts for family and friends for Christmas and Hanukkah.

Some New Yorkers pulled out their checkbooks; others unrolled bundles of cash. Most shoppers, however, slid their gold and platinum cards out of their wallets to pay for anything from \$30 boxer shorts to \$500 candlesticks.

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People waited in long lines outside the legendary FAO Schwartz store on Fifth Avenue.

"It's been a great day, but it's been very busy," said Dianne Rochette, a grandmother who traveled from Connecticut to spend a day shopping with her grandson Stephen.

Although clearly taken by one of FAO Schwartz's stuffed lions, Stephen said he was really more interested in all of the new computer games that came out this year.

One customer didn't hesitate in the stuffed-toy department, cheerfully producing his gold MasterCard to pay the \$250 tab for a Steiff teddy bear.

A little farther down the street, couples bundled in mufflers and down jackets window-shopped at the Cartier store, while the wealthier shoppers avoided the cold and cruised up and down the strip in black limousines.

People pored over the prewrapped gifts tables at the packed Saks Fifth Avenue store just up the street. Trying to navigate through the dense crowds of time-pressed customers was tougher than getting across the 14th Street Bridge.

"We won't spend a dime," said Danielle Cairo, 18, who rummaged through the stack of Ralph Lauren Polo sweaters in the men's department of the Saks Fifth Avenue store. "Dad gives us money for Mom, and Mom gives us money for Dad."

Women with their white-blond hair swept up into buns pushed through the racks of holiday dresses, which were specially priced at about \$500 apiece.

Despite all of the high-priced boutiques along Fifth Avenue, there are still some places where consumers with lower holiday budgets can shop.

Everyone from people who live down the street to tourists in town from California have stopped by the Niketown store since Thanksgiving to pick up a stocking stuffer or just to take a look at some of the sports memorabilia.

"It's been crazy this month," said Terry Smith, a sales associate at the Niketown store. "People are spending anywhere from \$6 to the thousands."

Shoppers were more interested in having their pictures taken with a life-size Shaquille O'Neal on the first floor of the Warner Brothers store than they were in picking up Bugs Bunny boxer shorts.

But upstairs gift hunters plucked everything from oversized coffee mugs to Tweety Bird sweat shirts off the shelves. One woman from the Bronx said she had no names to check off her list - she came to Manhattan to shop for herself.

"I'm just looking around because it's fun," she said.

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EXTRAVAGANT GIFTS BACK IN VOGUE

Expensive presents make their first comeback since the 1980s:

Store>>>>>>Hot-selling>gift>>>>>>>Cost

Asprey>>>>>>alligator>suitcase>>>>>>>\$30,000

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Cartier>>>>>Tank>Francaise>watch>>>>>>\$2,300-\$66,500

Coach>>>>>shearling>men's>coat>>>>>\$1,800

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BIG HOLIDAY SPENDERS OUT IN FORCE

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"The upscale lines are really driving our business," said Bill Levy, president of Oak Hall, located in The Regalia shopping center on Poplar Avenue.

"Our sales were up 15 percent in November. And we are expecting December to be as good. People want personalized service, quality merchandise and are willing to pay a little more for merchandise that lasts longer."

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"The economy is good and people are in the holiday spirit," said Elizabeth Galfsky, owner of Elizabeth Edwards, a women's boutique that specializes in St. John knits. A short skirt alone goes for about \$ 230. Add a matching top for \$ 360.

"We're selling a lot of these to husbands to give to their wives for Christmas," Galfsky said. "We're having a fabulous Christmas."

Some of the most popular and pricey Christmas gifts at Oak Hall this year are the Hermes of Paris ties and scarves that range from \$ 120 to \$ 185, cashmere coats that go for between \$ 1,000 and \$ 1,700, and \$ 125 alligator skin belts.

"We've also been selling 150 to 200 pair of Ballin microfiber (\$ 125) slacks a month and we'll probably sell more than that during Christmas," Levy said.

Around the country, retailers such as Cartier in New York can't stock enough Tank Francaise watches, which begin at \$ 2,300 and go as high as \$ 66,500. Neiman Marcus is selling lots of Daniel Hanson cashmere robes for \$ 1,088 and David Yurman Silver Ice rings beginning at \$ 750.

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However, there are still those who can afford to be extravagant, but choose not to.

"I will probably buy less this year because we don't need anything," said Bonnie Given, a regular customer at Oak Hall. "The things we buy will probably be frivolous services, such as a massage, manicure, facial. The needs just aren't there and you run out of ideas."

Her son, a student at the University of Memphis, has only one thing on his Christmas list - a new Toyota 4Runner (\$ 25,000 to \$ 35,000). Whether Santa is feeling that generous has yet to be determined, Given said.

Besides the quality of merchandise, shopping environment and a knowledgeable sales staff draw affluent customers to upscale shops such as Only Kids, also located inside The Regalia. The store carries toys, books, clothing and other upper-end gifts and accessories for infants and children.

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"I come here because I'm more concerned about getting the most quality and most creative," said Ruth Francis of Memphis, while shopping for presents for her grandchildren. "To spend less, I guess I could go to a barn (Toys R Us or Target), and walk up and down 17 rows and never be able to find a salesperson to help you find the perfect gift for an 8-year-old girl.

"But at places like this you have knowledgeable sales people who can make intelligent suggestions."

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Catherine Talbot helps Marvin Thomason, 76, select a scarf Thursday at Oak Hall in The Regalia on Poplar Avenue. Thomason, who has patronized Oak Hall since 1949, was shopping at the Hermes of Paris boutique.

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Jewels of the season

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There's a cold front headed our way, and it's glistening with diamonds, pearls, silvery-white metals and anything else that drips with the cool intensity of a luminous glow. The ice age has come to the world of fine jewelry.

"There's just something in the air," says California jewelry designer Wendy Brigode, whose pearl necklace worn by Rene Russo in the movie "Tin Cup" continues to blow out of stores like a blizzard.

"That is the Hula Hoop of necklaces," admits Brigode, who often works with movie stars, and is constantly coming up with modern designs that make a statement. "It was like winning the lottery." Brigode's winning ticket featured cultured baroque pearls spaced between twisted silk cord. The silver clasp version retails for \$495; the 14-karat gold for \$520.

Even though "everybody has knocked it off," according to Brigode, it's still a best seller at Bergdorf Goodman, Saks Fifth Avenue and Barneys, just to name a few of the retailers who carry Brigode's collection. Brigode, who was the largest buyer of pearls in the United States last year, is fascinated with "all kinds of pearls." She loves to mix diamonds with "everything," but the jewelry designer, who has a "bridge" collection and a fine jewelry line, also predicts another ice storm headed this way.

"I'm feeling crystal these days in every formation," she says, "and I think that will translate into fine jewelry, too."

Indeed, jewelry designer David Yurman also has an icy feeling these days. His new "Silver Ice" collection at Neiman Marcus features 25 pieces of sterling and diamonds in his signature cable styles.

"It's white on white," says Yurman, who feels combining sterling, rather than white gold with diamonds is "revolutionary for the jewelry world." Yurman is inspired by fashion trends every day, he says. "I think we were the first company 12 to 15 years ago to bridge the gap between fashion and fine jewelry."

Brigode agrees that fine jewelry can fit into a more casual lifestyle and still complement fashion trends at all levels.

"I think you can take inspiration from the lower end and raise it to a higher level and still make it exclusive," she says. "Fashion designers have been doing that for years."

This year, to go along with the trend in sheer, feminine fabrics, are romantic jewelry designs such as lariats, bib necklaces and multistrand necklaces in chain, mesh or beads. Pendant necklaces are also popular.

"The neck is where it's at," says Brigode. "You only need to wear simple earrings such as hoops to go with it. The necklace stands alone."

The overall trend in jewelry is feminine, according to Lynn Ramsey, president of the Jewelry Information Center, the New York-based trade association representing the fine jewelry industry.

"This is not a return to the 1980s," she says. "It's more a mood of quiet luxury."

As women shop for jewelry, they are choosing pieces that reflect their own personality, says Ramsey. "They want good pieces that are striking, but not flashy, and they want refinement even when pieces become larger. Like fashion, fine jewelry is embracing this new femininity that can be exotic or refined, modern or classic."

Here are some of Ramsey's fine jewelry picks for the season:

A diamond solitaire pendant, especially Erica Courtney's platinum "Hubcap" diamond solitaire pendant. The bezel around the diamond looks like a hubcap, according to Ramsey, who says that's no surprise for this Los Angeles designer whose client list includes Geena Davis, Tori Spelling, Demi Moore, Michelle Pfeiffer and even Elizabeth Taylor.

A "Tin Cup" necklace of spaced cultured pearls on a silk cord, or the "Sister Tin Cup" with colored gems like amethyst and citrine added to the pearls by Wendy Brigode.

Anything in white metals, especially with diamond pave: Chris Correia's platinum and diamond stackable rings are classic pieces to collect and wear individually or together; David Yurman's new silver and diamond collection; M&J Savitt's tiny diamond and 18-karat white gold cross or Star of David pendant, seen on all the top models.

Classic brooches (and calling them brooches rather than pins is so much more elegant, says Ramsey), especially estate-looking classics like platinum and diamond bow brooches. Check out your local estate sales. Tiffany has also introduced some beautiful new brooches.

Colorful charms or pendants to dangle singly or in multiples from chains or wires. The most fun are Storywheels from Color Craft; each gem-set "wheel" marks a milestone in your life.

Katie Couric has several, according to Ramsey.

Pearl jewelry, especially South Sea pearls: Whether you're into white pearls from Australia or the black ones from Tahiti, South Sea pearls are hot. These large, highly iridescent and rare pearls come at a price, but worth every penny, adds Ramsey. Both Tiffany and Mikimoto have a large selection.

"If you can't afford a choker, South Sea pearl-drop earrings are to die (or dive) for," says Ramsey.

Hoops, in white gold, yellow gold or diamond pave. Hinged, reversible earrings, often called Huggies, add flexibility to your wardrobe. Almost every designer offers hoops. Drop or dangling earrings are hot and festive for the holidays.

A flexible bracelet, especially from Stefan Hafner. His "diamonds in motion" set on a flexible wire are favorites of stars like Courtney Love, Sandra Bullock and Marlo Thomas. Wear it alone or stack with your other favorite bracelets.

Large colored stone rings, such as Lagos' sterling-silver and 18-Karat gold "Caviar" collection, with popular gems such as green quartz, smoky quartz, white topaz, amethyst, blue topaz or citrine.

A watch with a colored dial. There's lots to choose from: the new Yves St. Laurent bangle watch is available in mother of pearl, midnight blue, black and green; Audemars Piguet "Royal Oaks" collection offers bright red, violet, yellow, apple green and turquoise; Rolex has gemstone dials made of lapis fazuli, blue jadeite and rose jasper on its Oyster Ladies models. Other brands offering bright colors this season are Omega, Raymond Well, TAG Heuer and Hermes. And the iciest timepiece around a diamond white gold watch from Cartier or Harry Winston.

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The fact that we can send a woman to the moon but can't make a pair of run-free pantyhose for her is but one of life's many sad realities.

Alas, hose don't last forever (not even run-resistant ones), but with proper care they will last longer, according to Mila Radulovic, a spokeswoman for the New York-based National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers.

Durability, Radulovic said, is the watchword in the hosiery industry. "Read the package," she said. "Pantyhose with a percentage of spandex in the weave are a lot stronger than 100 percent nylon. And spandex blended with microfiber adds to the softness factor while maintaining durability."

Buying the right size also extends the life of hosiery. Spandex and other technological advancements that help hose retain their shape have made it possible for women to buy hose in their proper size, negating the need to buy a pair that are too small.

"Once upon a time they didn't keep their shape," said Radulovic, who also operates a hosiery website on the Internet. "Women were buying them too small because they (the proper size) would bend (and bag) at the knee. Now you should buy the size that fits; go larger if you're unsure."

If you've been throwing your hose in the sock drawer without any protection, you've also hastened their demise. "Don't throw them in the drawer, and don't wash them in the machine," Radulovic said. Instead hand wash hose with mild soap, hang them to dry, and store them in their package or a lingerie bag.

Be careful when putting them on, too. Don't wear jewelry, and cut rough fingernails or toenails that will cause snags in the hose. Don't stretch them when you take them out of the package. Gather one leg of hose at a time; slip them over your foot; pull them slowly up each leg and then to your waist. If they sag, start at the ankle and carefully ease them up to make up the difference.

Women who adhere to this system can expect a pair of sheer hose to last up to eight wearings. More durable styles can last much longer, Radulovic said.

"I personally have had them last one whole season (from June to September)," she said. "It also depends on your lifestyle. I have some that have lasted much longer than I anticipated" like the glittering sheers she bought six years ago.

Not surprisingly, cost does affect quality. Generally, Radulovic claims, a \$ 15 pair of hose will last longer and feel better than a \$ 3 or \$ 8 pair.

"Just like buying a car or fine china, you will get better quality if you pay more for it," Radulovic said. "There are

brands that are more expensive. Marketing aside, you're paying for more technology and a better blend of fibers. Price has an impact on that."

Still, "you can get good play" out of a pair of inexpensive hosiery if you care for them properly," she said.

From sheer to opaque, hosiery have been catapulted from mere accessory to wardrobe essential for fall thanks to those micro-mini and mini skirts that are as hot as they are short.

"With all the new looks for fail, someone who doesn't want to go overboard with a fashion outfit can experiment with patterned or textured hose," Radulovic said. "They can represent the wild fall style without going the whole way."

Here's a sample of what's in stores. For texture, Oroblu's has fishnet hose (\$ 15) that can be worn over opaque tights. Ralph Lauren has a houndstooth check tight (\$ 20). Hue has sheer ribbed tights (\$ 17). DKNY has a checkered pattern tight (\$ 12) it calls optic rib. Spaced-dyed (very similar to a tie-dyed look) tights (\$ 17) from Hot Sox come in a range of hues, as do Hanes' opaque stripe (\$ 6.95 and up) and Chevron openwork (\$ 6.95 and up) styles.

Hanes Silk Reflections tights (\$ 6.96 and up) and other opaque brands come in traditional fall colors. At Hanes, they have enticing names like coffee bean, raisin and bordeaux. Some sheers -- Hanes (\$ 7.95), Calvin Klein (\$ 20-\$ 35) and other pantyhose -- are reinforced with extra Lycra for added comfort, fit and durability.

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The textured look extends to socks, too. Hanes has herringbone trouser socks (\$ 4.40). From Anne Klein are menswear-inspired black and white windowpane trouser socks (\$ 7.50). L'eggswear offers sheer ribbed trouser socks (\$ 2.79). DKNY is off to the races with the Saratoga collection, a series of socks (\$ 8.50) with argyle and racing themes in black and white combos. They would go well with jeans and chinos, as would DKNY's striped collection (\$ 8) in ivory and black combos.

SAKS CALENDAR -- Informal modeling of Searle coat collection, from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday; personal appearance by Diane Von Furstenberg and her daughter, Alexander, and informal modeling of Furstenberg wrap dresses, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday; informal modeling of Cinzia Rocca coats, from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday; men's designer Alan Flusser for made-to-measure day, all day Saturday; makeup artist Trish McEvoy, Sept. 23 (call 262-8500, ext. 366 for an appointment); Emmanuel Spa Day from 1 to 7 p.m. Sept. 26 (call 262-8500, ext. 336 for appointment); informal modeling, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 27, of several collections, including Moschino Jeans, DKNY, Versace jeans, D&G and Vivienne Tam.

AT NEIMAN MARCUS -- St. John fall trunk show, today and tomorrow; DKNY trunk show, Wednesday; David Yurman Silver Ice collection (jewelry) trunk show, Sept. 24; informal modeling of Calvin Klein collection, Sept. 25 and 26. All events are 10 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 536-3660, ext. 2507.

ODDS 'N INS -- Boston Designer Denise Hajjar will show her fall collection at a benefit fashion show at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. For tickets, at \$ 50, call Maureen Peterson at (617) 361-8603. Proceeds will benefit The Paul R. McLaughlin Youth Center . . . The bridal registry at Shreve, Crump & Low of Chestnut Hill will host a bridal fair from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Chestnut Hill Store. Brides-to-be will be introduced to Shreve's services and view the Vera Wang Bridal Collection from Yolando. For reservations, call (617) 965-2700 . . . Akris fallholiday collection will be shown from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at Aujourd'hui Restaurant in Boston's Four Seasons Hotel. For reservations, call (617) 351-2071. Free valet parking.

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GRAPHIC: Photo, This pinstripe suit, above, in charcoal is paired with opaque suiting stripe hose from Hanes (\$ 7.95) in Banker's Grey. Below, DKNY offers optic rib tights in risotto beige (\$ 12).

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